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WASHINGTON.

Conflicting Interests in Union Pacific and Credit Mobilier—Senator Wilson's Successor—Mr. Colfax.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Union Pacific Railroad investigation has thus far developed three parties or interests. There is first, the Ames and Alley, or Credit-Mobilier interest, which includes some of the present directors and all those who were interested in the Oakes Ames contract, who are defending the construction of the road under that contract; second, there is the Durant party or interest, which is inimical to the Ames party on the one hand, and to the present management of the company on the other. It is an interest which is ready to strike hands with the Government against the other parties, or with these parties against the Government, in any way that will best subserve its interests, which are purely mercenary; there is, third, the present management of the company, the Horace F. Clark, Augustus Schell, or "Lake Shore party," as it is called, who are strongly opposed to the Durant party, which has no stock in the road, and is pressing a lawsuit, and this present management is also entirely indifferent to any exposure of the frauds of the Oakes Ames Credit Mobilier interest, and will promote such exposure, if thereby it can impress upon the committee and Congress its alleged determination and ability to manage the affairs of the road better than the Government or any one else can, and to thus secure the greatest measure of protection to the present owners of the stock and bonds, the Government included.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE—MR. WILSON'S SUCCESSOR.

On Wednesday of next week, the 12th inst., the two Houses of Congress will meet in joint session in the chamber of the House, for the purpose of counting the electoral vote. The Vice-President will preside, and there are many who will remember the turbulent and exciting scene of four years ago, when Acting Vice-President Wade presided, and the question of the disputed vote of Georgia came up for decision. This year there will be two certificates from Louisiana, and it is probable that an interruption similar to that of four years ago will again occur, but it is not probable that it will be of so violent a character. Immediately upon receiving notification of his election, Senator Wilson will resign, and those old enemies in Massachusetts will become warm. The latest intelligence received here indicates that Messrs. Dawes and Boutwell stand about even in the number of their supporters, with about forty for Mr. Whiting, and the remainder scattering.

THE UNION PACIFIC INVESTIGATION.

The Wilson Committee yesterday expressed a determination to bring their investigation to a close with the end of this week, and to that end a resolution was offered in the House authorizing a subcommittee to proceed to Boston, New-York, and Philadelphia to examine witnesses, books, and papers. Judge Wilson, the Chairman, proposes to perform this duty, while his colleagues will continue the examination of witnesses here, several of whom will arrive this week. Even if the testimony should be concluded this week, it is doubtful if any report can be made before the middle of the month. The case promises to be one of the most difficult for determination which has ever devolved upon a committee of Congress.

INCREASED PAY FOR CONGRESSMEN.

The subject which agitates the breasts of the members of the House next to Credit Mobilier, is the proposition to raise the salaries of the members of the next Congress. About 130 members of the present House failed of re-election, and it is claimed that at least 100 of these will vote to raise the salaries of Congressmen to $8,000 per year. There are also said to be forty or more of the members of the present House elected to the next House who will vote the same way. This will give a clear majority, and if the Senate can be brought to agree it looks as if there would be an increase of the salary. Meantime the public service suffers for the need of a readjustment of salaries, and officers who ought to be receiving $6,000 or $7,000 per annum, are getting but $3,500, and this amount has been cut down to $1,800 for next year. The President lives in a house more uncomfortable than any Congressman would inhabit, and receives a salary totally inadequate to meet the demands made upon it by the duties of the office, and Cabinet officers who are not rich have to live in boarding-houses.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The statement that Mr. Colfax expects to explain the $1,200 deposit by showing that he received that amount of money from Mr. Shoemaker, of Baltimore; Mr. Bowen, of New-York, and Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, is stated by his friends to be untrue. He is, nevertheless, represented as confident that he can satisfactorily explain the coincidence, but will not appear again before the committee until Mr. Ames returns. He attends regularly to his duties in the Senate, and has not absented himself therefrom, as stated. He spent the Sabbath in Baltimore.

THE COTTON TAX REFUNDING JOB.

Mr. Dawes expects to-morrow to make the report of the Ways and Means Committee to the House on the cotton tax. The report of the committee, will of course, be adverse to refunding the tax, as has been heretofore stated. But the House will be asked to set apart a day for the discussion of the report, in order to satisfy the minority which favors refunding the tax.

AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIES.

The Burnside Australian bill, as it is called, has not been before the Commerce Committee at all, and so the story that it has been rejected by that committee must be untrue. The Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads, which has the bill in charge, has had one hearing of the friends of the measure, but has taken no action on the subject. The bill for granting a subsidy to an Australian line will be in order in the Senate to-morrow at 1 o'clock. The Webb bill, as it is called, is before the Senate, and the Burnside bill is moved as a substitute; so that if a vote is reached it will be first upon the latter bill. There will be an attempt to postpone the consideration of the bill. Whether it will succeed or not is quite uncertain, as the friends of both measures will unite in keeping the subject before the Senate till action is secured.

SENATOR CALDWELL.

The Caldwell Investigating Committee will conclude taking testimony Tuesday, and it is expected that the committee will make their report in the course of the week. The report will be unfavorable to Mr. Caldwell, although it is apparent that the committee consider Mr. Caldwell has been made the victim of a cabal of sharpers. They also are satisfied that he contributed money which he knew was to be used for corrupt purposes.

LOUISIANA.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections expect to conclude the hearing of evidence in the Louisiana case to-morrow. It is probable that there will be two, if not three, reports from the committee, and a political debate is likely to follow.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

The block of sculptured marble donated by the City of Philadelphia to the Washington National Monument will be forwarded to this City next week free of charge. Until arrangements are completed to place it in proper position in the monument, the stone will remain in the lapidarium here. This block has been under the care of the corporate authorities of Philadelphia for some years, and has been placed in the room where Washington received his charge as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army. Changes necessary in restoring Independence Hall to its original shape require the removal of the block.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE NEW LOAN.

Telegraphic advices received here from Europe indicate that the offerings for the new five per cent. funded loan of the United States will be in excess of the amount advertised for sale. A part of the loan, however, having been reserved for sale in this country, the Treasury Department is in receipt of numerous applications and letters of inquiry from the national banks, showing a general disposition to exchange their present securities in the Treasury for the new 5ives. This action is precipitated by the fact that the loan is open for subscription but for a short time, and by the further fact that the other issues authorized bear only four and four and a half per cent. interest.

INHUMANITY OF A CAPTAIN PUNISHED.

The Captain of an American vessel having left at a foreign port one of his crew in destitution, sick and disabled, the Collector at New-Orleans was instructed by the Secretary of the Treasury not to clear the vessel without the deposit of three months' extra wages, in accordance with the acts of Feb. 28, 1803, July 20, 1840, and Aug. 18, 1856, and to put the bond in suit in case it was deemed expedient.

THE COMMAND OF THE MARINE CORPS.

Since the death of Gen. Meade, and for some time before, it has been reported and generally believed in military circles that Gen. Burnside aspires to the command of the United States Marine Corps, and, desiring it, will certainly get it. This command embraces between 2,000 and 3,000 men, more than half of whom are in service in foreign seas, and being an independent and popular organization, indispensable to the naval establishment, which it ante-dates, its leadership is much sought after. The present chief, Gen. Jacob Zeilin, is several years beyond sixty-two, the customary retiring age, but is retained in command by the President, who has lawful discretion in the premises. The bill recently introduced by Senator Logan, compelling the retirement of Army and Marine officers at sixty-two years of age, as is now done in the Navy, is likely to become a law, and will then vacate this position, even if it should not be done sooner. Heretofore the Marine commandant has been selected from the field officers of the corps, but there is now no law preventing the appointment outside the corps, and there are several eager to enjoy the privileges and emoluments. The United States Marine Band, which belongs to the head-quarters of the corps in this City, has become, although not originally so intended, perhaps, the national band of America. Congress pays it an extra allowance for playing alternately on the grounds of the Capitol and the Executive Mansion in Summer, and no Presidential inauguration, levee, or other national function is complete without the presence of the Marines. The visit of the French, English and Prussian national bands to Boston, last year, has had the effect of increasing public interest in the band, which it is known is not equal to the foreign bands. A movement has been made to increase the number of the bandmen, now thirty, and secure a new and accomplished leader, and an operatic officer of the corps is designing a magnificent uniform for the band. Carl Sentz, a well-known Philadelphia director, is among the candidates for the leadership.

ARMY OFFICERS' SERVANTS.

A recent letter from the War Department, based upon an opinion given by the Attorney-General, authorizes a fair allowance per month for the rent of rooms for the servants of officers who are on duty in places where Government quarters are not supplied them. This decision will no doubt take effect from July 1, 1870, the date of the law under which the Army and Marine Corps are now paid.

BOND PURCHASES AND GOLD SALES.

The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the Assistant Treasurer at New-York to purchase $1,000,000 of bonds on each Wednesday, and to sell $1,500,000 of coin on each Thursday during the month of February.

FLORIDA.

Defeat of the Osborn "Ring" by the Election of Mr. Conover to the Senate.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 2.—The Osborn Ring has been defeated. Mr. Conover is elected by a combination of Democrats and colored Republicans. Mr. Conover received twenty-two out of twenty-three colored votes. Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Gleason, of the Assembly, and Mr. Potter, of the Senate, Collector at Pensacola, voted for Conover. The other Federal office-holders voted for Wescott, the Democratic caucus nominee and Ring candidate. Messrs. Purman and Walls, Congressmen elect, supported Mr. Conover.

FARM ANIMALS.

Relative Prices in Various Sections and Fluctuations in the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The annual stock report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows that the prices of farm animals are better sustained than those of other farm products. Horses command improved prices in nearly all sections of the country. Sheep are somewhat higher than last year, the appreciation being quite general, though not equal in the several States. The prices of cattle have advanced in some States from local causes, and receded in others. Milch cows in the South are appreciating in value, and declining in many of the Northern States. Swine bear lower rates generally, though quite as high as last year in the Eastern States. An analysis of local differences shows that the prices of horses have advanced in New-England, New-York, Pennsylvania, and in the Gulf States. In New-Jersey, where prices rule higher than in any other State, a small decline is apparent, though rates are still relatively high. Though lower prices prevail in Delaware, Maryland, Tennessee, and Kentucky, a slight advance is seen in Virginia, and in horses of full age in North Carolina. In some States which produce horses for the market, prices were temporarily reduced, and sales limited by the prevailing horse disease. Little change is noted in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. In Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska, where the supply is unequal to the requirements of widening operations in agriculture, horses of full age bear higher prices. There is also an advance in California and Oregon. Working mules command advancing prices in the South. A slight advance is seen in Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota. Young stock is higher in Kentucky, but the average for full grown is about the same as last year. Small decline appears in several of the Western States, with some exceptions, and the rates for milch cows are not sustained. In Maine, New-Hampshire, and Vermont, where cattle were sacrificed last season on account of the partial failure of the grain and hay crops, prices have rallied with an increase of forage. There is an upward tendency in the cotton States, which keeps pace with the movement toward improvement in the quality and the encouragement of the dairy interest. The decline in the average in comparison with last year is from $29 29 to $24 in New-York, $27 36 to $22 18 in Ohio, $26 86 to $23 39 in Michigan, $23 77 to $20 75 in Illinois, $28 49 to $23 19 in Iowa, and $20 77 to $28 94 in Kansas. Other cattle have appreciated in prices in Northern New-England and, to a small extent, in most of the Southern States. Little change appears in Virginia, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The price of cattle three years old has declined in Kentucky from $30 61 to $27 54; in Ohio, from $25 35 to $23 62; in Michigan, from $26 10 to $24; in Wisconsin, from $23 39 to $27 03; in Minnesota, from $28 45 to $26 77. An advance appears in Indiana from $26 85 to $29 06; in Illinois, from $26 40 to $26 68; in Iowa, from $26 16 to $28 83; in Missouri, from $29 73 to $30 15. The younger cattle command a proportionate increase in these States. The decline in hogs is quite small in corn-producing States, not at all proportionate to the decline in pork products. In many localities thriving store hogs command as high rates for live weight as is obtained for fat slaughtered hogs.

TEMPERANCE.

Vice-President Colfax Addresses a Large Meeting in Baltimore.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 2.—Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President, spoke at Masonic Temple this afternoon. The occasion was a demonstration organized by the temperance element in the city, and was the greatest in point of numbers and the most enthusiastic ever held here. To the announcement that Hon. Mr. Colfax would be present was due in great measure the success of the meeting. The hall was literally packed.

Hundreds were turned from the entrance, unable to get within hearing distance of the door. The stage was crowded with leading citizens of both political parties and all shades of opinions. Mr. Colfax's reception was one of the most magnificent ever tendered to a public man in this country.

Judge Daniels, Chairman of the meeting, in introducing Mr. Colfax, alluded to his purity of character and the failure of the attempt to connect him with the Credit Mobilier, upon which the vast audience rose and gave cheer on cheer.

When Mr. Colfax came to the front of the stage his speech was stayed for some minutes by a renewal of the applause of the assemblage. Mr. Colfax began his address by saying that the heart of any man must be cold and callous indeed that would not warm at receiving such a cordial, more than cordial, affectionate greeting as they had given him. It was to him particularly gratifying, because it showed him that they believed that during his public life that would close next month he had sought to stand right in the sight of God, whether the world judged him wrong or not. [Prolonged applause.] He then went on to speak on the evils of intemperance, and the best methods of temperance legislation, alluding to himself but once more. He said: "The world is so full of human trials and crime and suffering—full of wars and disease and breaking hearts—full of unjust aspersion, that it is sometimes hard to bear, unless the ruined is conscious of rectitude." [Loud applause.]

At the conclusion of Mr. Colfax's address the audience renewed their applause.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Practical Operation of the Reform Rules—Testimony of the Heads of Departments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—By invitation of the President, George William Curtis and other members of the Advisory Board of the Civil Service met the Cabinet during the past week at the Executive Mansion, for the purpose of interchanging views as to the operation of the civil service rules. The testimony of all the Cabinet officers was unexpectedly favorable. It was conceded that, as a rule, the persons entering the service under the new system are superior in both capacity and efficiency to those appointed under the old plan, and the cessation of importunity for office is a great relief. There is no likelihood that the Administration will recede from the rules as applied to the New-York Custom-house, where the pressure for place has been greatest. The prospect seems to be that their operation will be extended. It is well known that the members of the Cabinet were not at first generally in accord with the President's views, either as to the necessity for the reform or the feasibility of the plan proposed. Their testimony as to the success of the rules may, therefore, be accepted as conclusive. The attitude of Congress toward the measure has also been greatly changed since the beginning of the session. Finding the President is in earnest in enforcing the rules, Congress seems to allow him to carry out the measure without opposition, or at least obstructive legislation. The relief from importunity extends to Congress as to the executive officers, and it is believed that many of the members are glad to be relieved of what was, at best, more a disagreeable task than a privilege which they should not care to refuse. It may be mentioned that the Board of Examiners for the Treasury Department is preparing an elaborate report to the Advisory Board on the operation of the rules in their Department and in the New-York Custom-house. The report gives a complete history of the proceedings of the board and describes in detail the nature of the examinations, the system of making and marking up the results, and the effect of the system on the service. It will be accompanied by interesting statistics, showing the results of the examinations and giving the residences, nativity, education, occupation, age and standing of each candidate examined. The standing of candidates will be averaged according to age, education, and occupation, so that it may be seen what class of competitors excel in the examinations. This will prove interesting to all who are sincerely desirous of judging the measure, not by preconceived notions of its probable operation, but by its practical results, and who wish to know exactly what civil service reform in the Departments amounts to. The favorable results of the meeting of the Cabinet and the Advisory Board, and the promotion of Mr. Benedict to the position of Surveyor of the Port, which has always been considered a political prize, are likely to prove extremely reassuring to the friends of the reform.

Senator Pomeroy Asks a Suspension of Judgment.

ATCHISON, Kansas, Feb. 1.—The *Champion* of to-day contains the following letter from Senator Pomeroy, received from Topeka last night, addressed to its editor:

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Jan. 31, 1873.

DEAR SIR: When you left Topeka I told you I would employ my first leisure in detailing to you or the public the precise nature of the malicious conspiracy organized for my defeat, but since the parties to this conspiracy have summoned me before the court to answer their charge—that is to say, before the judicial tribunal—I, too, am desirous, and even anxious, to appear and have a full investigation and verdict rendered. I, therefore, ask a suspension of my judgment until a fair hearing can be had in the courts. That verdict will decide who has committed crime and the measure of the guilty.

Truly yours,

(Signed,) S. C. POMEROY.

Burning of a Knitting Mill—Several Women Badly Burned.

COHOES, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The Stark Knitting Mills, together with the storehouse, occupied by Scott & Stewart, were burned on Saturday afternoon. Several of the operatives (women) were badly burned in making their escape. Loss, $40,000; insurance, $23,000, which is equally distributed among ten companies, including the Triumph, Allemania, Lancashire, German, St. Paul, Mississippi, North-west, and Union. One hundred hands are thrown out of employment.

Alleged Poisoning of a Man and His Son by His Wife and His Doctor.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 2.—George Schumann died suddenly at Peoria, Ill., in November last. His life was insured for $2,000, which sum was paid to Mrs. Schumann. On Friday night last Henry Schumann, the only son, mysteriously died, exhibiting symptoms of having been poisoned. Mrs. Schumann and a doctor named J. P. Welder, with whom it is alleged Mrs. Schumann sustained improper relations, were arrested on suspicion of having poisoned the husband to obtain the insurance, and the son to secure some real estate left him by his father. A post mortem of the boy's body was made yesterday, and the case will be reported on Wednesday, after the stomach has been examined.

THE MODOC WAR.

A Hitch in the Squaw "Dixie's" Negotiations—Capt. Jack Very Wary—Facts About the Tribes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Little prospect exists of any peaceable adjustment of the Modoc difficulties. Last Thursday Fairchild and Dorris and several others went by invitation of Capt. Jack to have a big talk. The place agreed upon was the top of a high hill overlooking the lava bed. They were accompanied by squaw Dixie. She went to Capt. Jack and told him if he wanted to talk he must go to the top of the hill and he would meet Dorris and Fairchild there. Jack would not go. He wanted the whites to come to his camp. This they refused to do. Jack said they must come half way, Fairchild refused again, and sent word to Capt. Jack to come to his camp within two days, or if not he then must fight again.

Gen. Gillem's command is half way over the mountains, and will reach head-quarters on Tuesday. Nothing has been heard from the Camp Gaston company. The snow was deep on the roads leading to the lava bed, but did not obstruct the march of the troops much.

In the last fight of the Modocs with Bernard's company, the Indians did not throw away their guns, but lost all their horses.

The Indian Tribes of the North-West—Their Present Condition.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1873.

Now that the Modoc Indian war is assuming unlooked-for proportions, your readers will no doubt be glad to have some idea given them of the different Indian tribes in the great North-west. These Indian tribes are fading away from the shores of the Pacific as they have done from the Atlantic. The record of Indian wars will soon be concluded, for the Apaches are on their last war-path, and the fragments of Modocs who wage hostility in Southern Oregon cannot long continue in that attitude. The depopulation of the Indians in Oregon can be judged from the following statement: At the Alsea Agency there are now 500, original number 900; at the Siletz Agency there are now 1,200 left of the 2,400 originally located there; at Warm Springs there at only 654 left of about 2,500, but a portion have wandered away, and have become roaming bands; at Grande Ronde there are 1,100 left of 2,300; at Klamath 1,400 remain of 4,000, but the warlike Modocs are included in the larger number; at Umatilla there are about 837 left of about 2,300, but they possess more wealth per capita, probably, than any other of the Western tribes. Their bands of horses number over ten thousand head, and their herds of cattle number half as many more. They have more propensity for stock than for agriculture, but they raise considerable products also. Howlish-Wampo, their chief, owns about half the horses of the tribe, and is a shrewd and rather despotic old fellow, who rules by hereditary descent. He punishes offenders in person. A young man caught selling whisky to others has been brought before him, and, obedient to his commands, has stripped to the skin, and with lifted hands has stood, while from horseback the old chief has lashed him until the blood flowed.

The brig Columbia, which discovered and gave its name to the great River of the West, found large communities of Indians near its mouth, and Comcomly was a native potentate of wide-spread rule and no mean pretensions. With the coming of the whites the fever and ague began to prevail, and the Indians were swept off by thousands, for they insisted on plunging into the rivers for relief from the "cold sick," the result being the decimation of the tribes.

The Hudson Bay Company were the only white occupants of the country, which was the case until 1843, the depopulation of these tribes was in great part accomplished, for they disappeared as before a pestilence. The memory of the pioneers of the fur trade reaches back to the time when Indian towns, peopled by thousands were planted thickly along the shores of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, near their confluence, and when their canoes covered the water in fleets, and their hunters followed the chase afar.

The rule of the Hudson's Bay Company was, however, a beneficent one to the tribes, for the agents were instructed to favor the Indians and to enlist them in its service. One of the greatest holds upon their confidence was that the men, and even the officers, married Indian wives. There was seldom any clash with Indian power or pride, though the story is told that occasionally a threat of war would loom up against Fort Vancouver, and the broad Columbia be literally covered with a hostile Indian armada, that would come sweeping down from above to find itself held in check by a stern array of other Indian forces, on land and river, gathered there as the allies of "King George's men"—for thus the English are designated by the Indians even now. That the interior tribes were peaceful and useful to the Fur Company, may be seen from the fact that in the Spring and Fall, whole brigades would cross from the waters of the Red River of the North to bring supplies and recruits to the company's posts, and it was a grand sight to see the Canadian voyagers shooting the various rapids of the Upper Columbia, and even the foaming Dalles and the magnificent Cascades.

As we read of conquests of the olden time, and how the Huns and the Goths poured from Northern Europe, so the Calipooias came from the South in overwhelming force and drove the peaceful Multnomahs from their fishing and hunting grounds in the beautiful Willamette, and became themselves, by right of conquest, the owners of the most lovely valley and the most fertile lands the Western sun has ever shone upon. To-day there is but a meagre handful of the once great and warlike tribes of the Calipoola, and these are hewers of wood and drawers of water for the Bostons—for that is the Indian name for Americans—but they summon a remnant of their olden pride to occasionally tell of what their fathers were, and point out the great battle-fields where stubbornly, but ineffectually, the Multnomahs disputed the ownership of their lands with the invader.

Back from the coast and away from the race of fish-eaters, east of the great cascade ranges—which, it must be remembered, are the Sierra Nevadas of the North—we find the hunting tribes. These are in all respects more warlike, and much more manly and capable than the coast Indians. They are not, however, less superstitious, as was proved when they murdered the Whitman family in 1847, after they had been for ten years taught Christianity, and tended in all temporal respects with the greatest care by Dr. and Mrs. Whitman. The measles was prevalent, and this improvident people could not be taught to use the care without which physic was of no avail. Superstition said the doctor's physic was poison, and the doctor's life, and many other lives, answered for the suspicion.

Then commenced the era of Indian wars. The scanty population of the Willamette raised men, and, more wonderful still, armed, equipped, and munitioned them, and after a long struggle the whites conquered a peace, and that was at a time when Government had given them neither aid nor protection, nor even recognition. The Nez Perces have been and are the noblest of the Indian tribes of the Pacific North-west. Brave, warlike, the most numerous of all, of fine stature and excellent physique, they also had the finest horses roaming in almost numberless droves, and possessed the means to put, at short notice, a strong force in the field. Yet it has always been their boast—and they make it yet, and somewhat bitterly at times, for they say it has not always been fairly appreciated by us—that no hand of theirs has ever been red with the blood of a white man. When the Cayuses and Umatillas were guilty of the death of Whitman's family, they sheltered and protected the fugitives. The early mission to them was prosperous, and many of them profess the faith of Christ to-day, and not vainly. The first printing-press on the Pacific was there at work, and the Scriptures were published in their language. As late as 1851—four years after the Cayuse war—an Indian agent was murdered by their neighbors, and the Yakima war was the consequence. The hostile savages sent back the force of troops under Major Haller with considerable loss, and great fears were entertained for the safety of Gov. I. I. Stevens and his party, who were out surveying a route for a Northern Pacific railroad. A member of that party stated that as they were one day camped they were startled by the appearance of a large Indian force of mounted men that came dashing down upon them. They hastily assumed the defensive, and waited the result. The Indian force, over 200 strong, splendidly mounted and equipped in all the paraphernalia of war, came dashing toward them in almost perfect military array, and halted a short distance off, in perfect line. A Chief rode forward and gave the dignified Indian greeting. Gov. Stevens then learned for the first time of the outbreak of the Yakima war, and his surprise and gratitude may be imagined when he also learned that this gallant war party of the Nez Perces had come on this long journey to render him safe escort home, for he was then far east of the land of that tribe. They did so guard and escort him through their own country, and through that of the offending Yakimas, and when all danger and threat of danger was left behind, they exchanged courteous adieus, and returned homeward.

In 1856 Oregon was circled with a belt of hostile tribes. Then we were a Territory merely, and all to the west of the Rocky Mountains that was not Utah and California was Oregon. There must have been a concert of those tribes to have secured simultaneous action. Fires were seen to blaze on distant heights of the north, the south, and the east. The tribes of what now is Washington Territory were allied with those of the Upper Columbia and of Middle Oregon. Southern Oregon was the scene of massacre and disaster; settlements were burned, and mothers and babies were devoured in the flames. Acts of heroism are recorded in several cases of the women of Rogue River Valley that have never been surpassed. A wife, who saw her husband fall dead, seized his arms to defend her children, and made successful defense with those children for her allies. The record of disaster and death was terrible. Five hundred miles to the north the village of the Cascades was assaulted, and its inhabitants fled to the block-house to make a gallant defense. That story was also one of massacre. But two years saw the war ended; the Indians retired to reservations, and since then there has been little trouble from them, for they struggled hard for freedom and supremacy, and, being subdued, they felt the case was hopeless. An idea of the courage of the Rogue Rivers may be gathered from the story of Old John—a chief who had been their war leader—who was sent to San Francisco for imprisonment in Fort Alcatraz until the tribe was settled in their new home on the reservation, fearing he might again incite them to war. Old John and one or two others were allowed the freedom of the steamer's deck at first, but the old fellow undertook to capture the ship one day, and was so nearly successful that only a sharp fight saved the Captain's life, and John was put in irons as a measure of safety.

Then there was peace along the sea-board and the valleys of Western Oregon, and also on the Columbia River, but to the southward of that river was a great region of country stretching to the forty-second parallel, and extending into Idaho, Northern California, and Nevada, where no inducements had been offered for white settlement, because remote from routes of travel, possessing no great agricultural advantages, and not yet appreciated for grazing purposes. This was occupied by the wandering bands of Snakes and Pi Utes, who were hated by the northern tribes, and were at war with all their northern neighbors. Among the Columbia River Indians, and even as far north as British Columbia, were to be, even lately, found prisoners from the Snakes and Pitt River Indians, who were reduced to slavery by their captors, and made objects of barter and trade.

The time came when the unknown country had to be explored. Prospectors found gold in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. The Spring of 1862 saw thousands of adventurers from California wending their way up the Columbia River, having been lured north by the fabulous wealth of Salmon River mines in Northern Idaho, many of whom were induced by reports to turn southward, and as a result we see the mining camps of Powder River, Bennet River, Granite Creek, and Canyon City, all in the Blue Mountains, the last of which served to develop the genius of Joachim Miller. But it was soon seen that danger lurked to the southward. The next Spring companies of prospectors in southern portions of the range were driven back by Indians—bold and warlike savages they were, who held their own for eight years, and were only then subdued by a large force of regular troops under a skillful General.

Gold discoveries spread south of them in the Boise Mountains of Idaho, and in South Western Idaho, also when the riches of the Owyhee Mountains gave great promise, and all these camps and the ways leading to them were beset at times by hostile bands, of which that known as the Malheur band of Snakes was the most vindictive. The hostility of these Indians had been written in the past in the slaughter of emigrant trains on the plains and many scenes of previous horror. The miners raised company after company, and pursued the Indians to their intrenched caves in the volcanic hills, and always came back in some sense discomfited. The savages were on the war-path in earnest. In Southern Idaho, during this time, dead men were brought back where the living had gone bravely to the fight. The road leading from California was for awhile strewn with corpses, and a large company of emigrating Chinese were found brutally murdered along the road.

The army under Gen. Crook finally reduced the rebellious bands and they are provided for at Fort Hall, or on the Klamath reservation in Southern Oregon, while some 600 decline to leave their old homes and are subsisted near Camp Harney at the Government cost. The war has ended, and the Modocs only remain to wage battle in Oregon. This band originally consisted of 225 individuals, who were induced to go upon the Klamath reservation in Dec. 1869. In the Spring 258 of them under Capt. Jack left the reservation; seventy-five remained there contentedly. The others are said to have objected that they could not live on the same reservation with their hereditary enemies—the Klamaths. Several attempts were made to induce them to return, but they would not. In August, 1871, in a talk with Hon. A. B. Meacham, then Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon, they said they were willing to go on a reservation six miles square, the very scene of their late battle with the troops, on the line between California and Oregon, and partly in each State. Mr. Meacham ably urged on the Government the need to treat with them to that effect, and his excellent suggestions and arguments are on record to show that he fully appreciated and understood the situation.

About 1860 the Indians on the Warm Springs, Grande Ronde and Klamath Reservations adopted the system of electing their chiefs. This was a terrible blow to old customs. Breaking up the power of the hereditary chiefs and making all officers elective, is the first and best move toward elevating the Indians. They are generally slaves to the old customs, and view lineage much in the same light that great nations do who are attached to the royal line. Being induced to elect their chiefs and endow them with judicial, executive and ministerial powers, by the advice of the Superintendent, the experiment was found to work well. One chief is a judge, other lesser ones are justices of the peace, and they also elect officers to serve as sheriffs and constables. The impaneling of juries was a new thing with them, but was safely accomplished, and I am told that the system works as well as could be expected. The first case recorded of Indian trial by jury, under this system, was for an offense against chastity. A jury of six was impaneled, the man was found guilty, and the Chief-Justice, or Justice-Chief, sentenced him to six months of wood-chopping. His head was shaved, a seven-foot log chain was riveted to his leg, to keep him within surveillance, and the work was fully exacted. This occurred on the Klamath Reservation, and the Indians managed the whole affair with most serious intent, and the dignity of the law was fully sustained.

When the present Modoc war terminates we may look for permanent peace with the Indian tribes of Oregon, Washington, and, probably, Idaho. A speck of war might seem to threaten upon Priest's Rapids, on the Upper Columbia. This place is east of the Oregon line, and possesses few attractions save that it is a good point for salmon-fishing. Several hundred Indians have resorted to this place—renegades from all the tribes—as followers of a Walla Walla Indian named Smo-boller, who is a dreamer, and resembles a modern spiritualist medium in many respects. Smo-boller sees visions and dreams dreams. His followers are representatives from various tribes, and have resorted to this remote spot to be within the magic influence of their leader, who is a remarkable man.

S. A. C.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—1 A. M.—The barometer has fallen north and west of the Ohio Valley, with rising temperature, winds backing to fresh and brisk south-westerly and south-easterly, and increasing cloudiness; clear weather generally continues over New-England, with light to fresh south-westerly and south-easterly winds, and over the South Atlantic and Gulf States, east of the Mississippi, with light easterly winds and cloudy weather, and light easterly to southerly winds are now prevailing over Tennessee and Kentucky.

PROBABILITIES.

From the Ohio Valley to the upper lakes, North-west, and Missouri, falling barometer, rising temperature, fresh and brisk south-easterly and south-westerly winds, cloudy weather, and snow, excepting rain for probably the southern portions of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. From Kentucky southward to the Gulf, falling barometer, rising temperature, light and fresh easterly and southerly winds, cloudy weather, and rain areas. For the South Atlantic States, light and fresh easterly and southerly winds, and generally cloudy weather. For the Middle States, falling barometer, rising temperature, fresh, easterly, occasionally brisk south-easterly and southerly winds and generally cloudy weather, with probably areas of light snow over the lower lake region. For New-England, winds backing to light and fresh, southerly and probably south-easterly and partly cloudy weather. Midnight telegraphic reports from Western Gulf States and Kansas not yet received.

Another Cold Snap—Ice in the River.

The warm weather of Saturday was accompanied by a thaw which was rather disagreeable to pedestrians, however pleasant it may have been for the fortunate few who can ride everywhere, and defy the muddy slipperyness of down-town sidewalks, and the still more disagreeable street-crossings, where the "beautiful snow" had melted into "beautiful slush" and mud. During Saturday night, however, the thermometer rapidly sunk lower, and the weather became proportionately colder, and when morning dawned yesterday it was apparent that we were to have a clear and very cold Sunday. The slush was again transformed to crisp snow, the mud and water with which the gutters overflowed on Saturday were again frozen hard, and walking the streets in comfort was once more possible. In fact, pedestrian exercise was at a premium, and those who made their journeys to church, yesterday, on foot, at a brisk walk, and in the sunshine, felt the cold much less than the undiscerning majority who shivered in the street-cars, exposed to drafts of chilly air, and suffering with cold feet. The bright sunshine enticed many people out of doors to brave the cold, and the street-cars and ferry-boats were crowded all day. There was much ice in the North and East Rivers, and many delays in crossing were the result. Those ferry-boats which have the longest passages to make, requiring them to go up or down the rivers in crossing, experienced most difficulty, and passengers to Hoboken, Weehawken, Hunter's Point, or Williamsburg, were much inconvenienced.

It was evident in some of the churches that the cold snap was unexpected, and the minister of one shivering congregation assured his frost-bitten flock that next Sunday he would have the church "screeching hot, if he had to engage an incendiary for the purpose."

The following record will show the changes in the temperature, yesterday, as recorded at Hudnut's drug-store, No. 218 Broadway:

3 A. M.	13°	3 P. M.	17°
6 A. M.	11°	6 P. M.	16°
9 A. M.	8°	9 P. M.	16°
12 M.	11°	12 P. M.	12°
Average			13°

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The Allan mail steamer Prussian, from Liverpool, arrived at Portland, Me., yesterday morning.

Meiga & Trotti's bakery and stables, in Waterbury, Conn., were burned on Saturday night. Loss $20,000, fully covered by insurance.

The rain-storm continues in the interior of California. The weather in San Francisco is cloudy and cold, with occasional showers. The farmers' prospects were never better.

A boy about six years of age, son of Mr. Ware, of Fairfield, Me., while sliding on the river at that place, on Saturday, fell into an opening in the ice and was drowned.

A fire at Chester, Mass, yesterday morning, destroyed the Stevens Building, occupied by E. A. Allen, stove and tin store; William Stevens, meat market, and —— Horton, billiard-saloon keeper.

At Kirksville, Mo., a fire about 3 A. M. on Saturday destroyed twelve frame houses, used for business purposes. Most of the goods were removed. Loss on buildings $30,000. No insurance.

The mill and forge buildings of the Lake Erie Iron Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, were burned at noon yesterday. The ware-house and office were saved. The loss will be heavy; probably fully insured.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has fixed Tuesday, Feb. 11, for the final hearing of the claimants for prize money, amounting to $262,000, accruing from the appraisement of the captured rebel ram Atlantic.

The Pacific Flouring Mills, in Omaha, Nebraska, were burned on Saturday night. The loss is about $30,000. The Metropolitan Hotel had a narrow escape. The fire was subdued with the greatest difficulty, owing to the intense cold and high wind.

George Berger's stable in Harrisburg, Penn., was burned yesterday, with three valuable horses. The flames spread to McCormack's stable adjoining and the laundry of the Locust House, which were badly damaged. Loss between $6,000 and $8,000; partially insured.

The Boston Shooting and Suicide.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 2.—The little girl, Mabel Loss, who was shot by her father on Saturday night, is still at the City Hospital. She has been conscious all day. The ball has not yet been extracted, and the physicians say there is but slight hope for her recovery.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Violent Storm in the British Islands—Many Wrecks and Great Loss of Life—Heavy Snow.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The British Isles were visited last night by one of the most violent storms ever experienced even at this season of the year. Snow fell to an extraordinary depth in this city and in the country. This morning it was six inches deep in the streets of London. Travel was almost wholly suspended. Omnibuses and cabs ceased running, and scarcely a vehicle of any description has been seen in the streets all day. In the provinces the snow fall was much heavier, and in the extreme north the drifts are several feet deep.

The gale raged with great fury all around the English and Irish coasts. Many wrecks have already been reported, and there has been a fearful loss of life, especially off Torquay and around the Scilly Islands.

The steamer Clan Alpine went ashore during the night on Blackhead, and became a total wreck. It is feared that all on board are lost.

The ship Sarah was wrecked on the Irish coast, near Balbriggan, and fourteen of her crew were drowned.

An accident occurred, to-day, on the London and North-western Railway, near Stafford, by which several persons were killed and injured.

LONDON, Feb. 3—6 A. M.—Thirteen lives were lost by the wreck of the steamer

THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

Opinions of Press and People.

Inclosed find $30, for which send thirty-one copies of the WEEKLY TIMES to this club. I shall probably add more in a few days. The *Tribune* is played out in this town. Seventy copies of it have been taken, but not more than three or four will be taken now.—*G. E. L., Smyrna, Chenango County, N. Y.*

Inclosed find money-order for $11, for which send ten copies of the WEEKLY TIMES, directed to the following persons: * * * These are all old *Tribune* subscribers. I will get the rest as soon as possible.—*E. B. G., Independence, Allegany County, N. Y.*

Find inclosed draft on New-York for $30. Please send thirty copies of the NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES to West Groton, Tompkins County, N. Y., and one copy to East Lansing, Tompkins County, N. Y. This Club is to the place of one last year for the *Tribune* of twenty-seven.—*A. S. R.*

Inclosed find subscription for one year for the NEW-YORK TIMES, which please forward to my address. The *Tribune* and I have had a falling out. I believe every other true and honest patriotic citizen has fallen out with it likewise. I venture to say that it will never fully recover from the effects of its suicidal act. The TIMES has nobly stood by the country and the Republican cause, and deserves the support of all true Americans. Therefore, it is the paper for me.—*L. B., Elwood, N. J.*

Inclosed please find subscription to the TIMES for one year. I am of the number who have taken the *Tribune* from its commencement, and should have continued to have taken it had it not, at a critical moment, deserted its principles, its policy, and did all that it could to destroy the Republican Party. We have almost idolized Greeley, but could not vote for him. We have no confidence in the *Tribune* Association now.—*J. W. J., Deerfield Centre, N. H.*

Inclosed find $10 40 for which send thirteen copies of the WEEKLY TIMES to my address. There will probably be more subscribers, as more than half of the *Tribune* subscribers decline to take it longer than their subscription runs.—*E. E., Scipioville, Cayuga, N. Y.*

Send us the NEW-YORK TIMES, (daily,) commencing with the first number for 1873. We inclose $10 to pay for the same. We have had the New-York *Tribune* for some years, but the last season was and ought to be enough to wean any decent Republican from it. We have had your paper for the last six months, and like its sentiments.—*H. & L., Greenfield, Mass.*

Inclosed find check for DAILY TIMES renewal for 1873. I shall urge and aid in getting up clubs to take the TIMES in place of *Tribune*, which has been generally taken in this locality. I have taken the *Daily Tribune* twenty-one years, and part of that time have paid for several copies, but no more independent journalism of the white-and-black lie stamp for me. It is quite too uncertain a REID for me to lean upon.—*E. O. S., Olean.*

Please find inclosed subscriptions to the WEEKLY TIMES for one year. Having tried the TIMES and found it "faithful in all things," I shall hold fast to it.—*J. E. C., Port Louisa, Louisa County, Iowa.*

Please continue my TIMES for another year; I inclose amount. I find your paper indispensable. I like it. No kuks, fearless and impartial. It is taking. It has not reached that proud contempt already, the first place among the able journals of our great metropolis. Go and prosper! Keep at your good but unthankful work of raking out the rank corruption of your city officials and others! The people will thank you, although the dishonest and office-seekers for gain will cause you. You will, also, not only have the happy reward of a good conscience, but "material aid" in a greatly enlarged subscription list to your varied editions of the TIMES. Again, I say, go on and prosper! A Happy New-Year!—*J. M. B., Chilton Springs, N. Y.*

Please find inclosed $1, for which send the TIMES to A. G. F., Niagara Falls, N. Y. This takes the place of a *Tribune*, "founded by Horace Greeley."—*W. P., Niagara Falls, N. Y.*

We drop the New-York *Tribune* daily, for which we have subscribed for many years past, and subscribe for the TIMES, to commence Jan. 1, 1873. We inclose our draft for six months, (one-half year,) intending to continue it, if it continues its present honest course.—*Wm. E. F. & Son, Canastota, N. Y.*

Please find inclosed money-order on New-York City Post-office for $5, for which please continue my DAILY TIMES for six months, commencing with the next number after my previously-paid subscription, or about Jan. 1, 1873. The TIMES improves. Strike right every time in politics, news, philanthropy, &c., and the "silent voters" of the country will support and hear.—*Geo. T. F., Susquehanna Depot, Penn.*

Find inclosed, herewith, draft for forty-two dollars, for which please send the WEEKLY TIMES, addressed to the persons whose names are inclosed—all to be sent in one club, to Watkins, Schuyler County, N. Y. These are all old "*Tribune* subscribers" who have left that paper within the last year, having had enough of Liberal Republicanism. The club I send you will be swelled by the addition of twenty or thirty names during the month of January.—*L. M. G., Watkins, N. Y.*

Please find inclosed $5, for which send WEEKLY TIMES for one year as follows: * * * I took the *Tribune* until it strayed; was raised among the "Liberal" Democrats, and know what Southern Democracy is, and would be, if in power.—*R. F. H., Marion, Crittenden County, Ky.*

I inclose herewith a postal money-order for thirty-three dollars for thirty-three copies of the WEEKLY TIMES, which you will please address as per list. This makes the whole number of subscribers for the TIMES here sixty-three, nearly all of whom have heretofore taken the *Tribune*, but who now repudiate that paper for its apostasy. I do not know of a single Republican who will subscribe for that paper. A just rebuke for its infidelity and betrayal of trust. I think that I will be able to increase the list to seventy-five, and perhaps a hundred by the middle of next month. Please send the first issue in 1873.—*J. B. Gardiner, Me.*

I have concluded to take the TIMES for another year. I told poor Horace Greeley what I thought of the step he took, and after giving him and Sumner as good a blowing up as I was capable of, I ordered the *Tribune* stopped. I immediately took the TIMES in its place, and will continue so long as it is faithful to Republican principles, but no longer.—*E. B. D., Pleasant Mills, Atlantic County, N. J.*

From the Ocean (N. Y.) Times.

The NEW-YORK TIMES is the recognized organ of the Republican Party of this State, and it certainly deserves that honor.

From the Middletown (Conn.) Constitution.

The NEW YORK TIMES bids fair to step into the boots of the *Tribune*, so far as the farmers are concerned. As the representative of the Republican Party, it can fairly lay claim to be the only Republican paper published in New-York City—at least it approaches nearer to that standard than any other paper issued there. The TIMES did a great service in the Presidential campaign recently closed, and was vigorous and unrelenting in its fight for Reform in New-York from 1869 to 1871, when by its exertion was brought about the breaking down of the Tammany Ring. The weekly edition is largely devoted to agriculture, so that the place so long filled by the *Tribune* will be supplied. One of its main features will be original articles from practical farmers, full reports of the American Institute Farmers' Club, and complete market reports.

From the Newark (N. J.) Courier.

The NEW-YORK TIMES is the standard authority among Republicans, and is the leading *Administration* organ of the country. As a newspaper it stands unsurpassed.

From the Lebanon (N. H.) Free Press.

We call attention to the advertisement of the NEW-YORK TIMES. This paper has supplanted the *Tribune* as a Republican Metropolitan journal. Its fearless and able exposure of Tweedism, its uniform effort to preserve and maintain purity in its own party, not less than its earnest vindication of Republican principles and action, entitle it to the respect of the country. Its news and literary departments are ably maintained.

From the Geneseo (Mass.) Register.

The last of a remarkable trio of journalists, Raymond, Bennett, and Greeley, all gone! Who next of their places? All three of them were literary giants. Raymond, the youngest of the three, died first. He, like Greeley, had built up and established a powerful Metropolitan journal—the NEW-YORK TIMES—and had called around him an able editorial staff, into whom he seemed to have thoroughly infused his spirit. From the day of Raymond's death, the TIMES has pursued the course marked out for it by himself, and has become the leading Republican journal of the country, while the mantle of the elder Bennett seems to have fallen upon the younger, and very little change is perceptible in the management of the *Herald*. Not so with the *Tribune*. No sooner was the hand of the master withdrawn than it began to show signs of decay. A pigmy now sits in the chair so long occupied by the giant.

From the National News Bra.

Democracy, as represented by pro-slavery, corrupt and unprincipled demagogues, owes its defeat and death largely to the downfall of Tammany. The persistent and untiring efforts of the NEW-YORK TIMES opened the eyes of the country to the robberies perpetrated by the Tammany Ring, and awakened to a sense of their duty the people of the State of New-York and of the nation, thereby laying the foundation for a strong and powerful opposition to the further encroachments of Tammany. Such Democrats as Samuel J. Tilden, of New-York, and the editor of the *World*, so long as the Tammany Ring could contribute to the success of the Democratic Party, remained silent as to the outrages perpetrated upon the defenseless tax-payers of the City and State of New-York; but when the exposures of the NEW-YORK TIMES had made Tammany odious, and its overthrow was imminent, Mr. Tilden and other Democrats who had profited party-wise, by Tammany's influence, suddenly became virtuous and joined in the general outcry against Tweed & Co.; and because of thus taking sides against the "Ring" when the convincing exposures of the TIMES had made it unprofitable for the Democracy to longer acknowledge connection with it, Democrats have the impudence to put in a claim for a share of the credit of bringing about its downfall. To the NEW-YORK TIMES all honor is due for its perseverance in its fight against the "Ring," and the attempts of the *New-York World* or of leading Democrats to divert the credit due the TIMES to Democratic or Democratic journals, deserves, and will receive, the contempt of an intelligent public.

From the Watkins (N. Y.) Express.

We advise our readers to subscribe immediately for the NEW-YORK TIMES. It is a reliable paper, foremost in gathering news, and a fearless advocate of progress and reform.

From the Canaan (N. H.) Reporter.

The NEW-YORK TIMES is rapidly supplanting the *Tribune* as a Republican Metropolitan journal. Its fearless and able exposure of Tweedism, its uniform effort to preserve and maintain purity in its own party, not less than its earnest vindication of Republican principles and action, entitle it to the respect of the country. Its news and literary departments are ably maintained.

From the Medina (N. Y.) Tribune.

We would especially recommend the NEW-YORK TIMES to our Republican readers, as a true and faithful exponent of genuine Republican principles. Independent and fearless, exposing alike Republican as well as Democratic corruption, it has taken the lead in bringing about what reforms have been accomplished within the past year and a half. We also believe it to be the most reliable journal on all subjects and events of the day. It is free from all partisanship, and always ready to sustain what it proclaims.

From the Sandusky (Ohio) Register.

If any of our readers subscribe for the New-York *Weekly Tribune*, imagining that they are to get a Republican paper, they will lose their money. The New-York *World* is no more devoted to the Democratic Party than is the *Tribune*.

From the Adel (Iowa) Gazette.

The NEW-YORK TIMES is now looked upon as the leading Republican organ of New-York, and as such has gained for itself an excellent reputation.

From the Menomonie (Wis.) News.

The NEW-YORK TIMES is the leading Administration paper of the nation. In the recent Presidential canvass THE TIMES probably contributed more toward the overwhelming defeat which the opposition received than any half-dozen papers in the land. It is enterprising, thorough, and able. If you want a good paper, subscribe for it.

The Coos *Republican* states that fifty copies of the New-York *Tribune* were taken in Littleton, N. H., last year. Now only one copy is taken there.

THE CHARITY BALL.

The charity ball, which is to take place to-morrow evening, for the benefit of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, is an old institution among the many in this City. This charity was established in 1854, and is, therefore, in the twenty-fourth year of its existence. The sphere of its usefulness has greatly enlarged since its inception. At first, its intent was merely to maintain and care for children of wet nurses and others whose daily employment lay outside their homes. Many of the children offered for care being invalids, a hospital department was added to the nursery. Only a short time elapsed before it became evident that the society was expected also to take care of foundlings; hence a department for *enfants trouves* was organized. This was not the end, however. No sooner were the babes provided for, than it was discovered that a lying-in asylum, which could be conducted with more privacy than is possible in the large public hospitals, was greatly needed. Accordingly, lying-in wards were opened, in which many respectable married women, whose circumstances prevented their having proper care and necessary comforts, find the attention and treatment they need in their hour of trial. In 1870, a country nursery was purchased on Staten Island, and has been kept constantly filled with sick and delicate children from the City Nursery. It will be seen from this brief account of the asylum that its sphere is a very extended one. Its managers are among our most wealthy and substantial people, and they never allow their interest and efforts in its behalf to flag. The entertainment of to-morrow evening will be the seventeenth ball that has been given for the benefit of the asylum. The aim of the managers has always been to make it the most interesting ball of the season. The tickets are sold by the managers of the nursery and hospital, and a decided effort is made to secure a select attendance. The sale of boxes closed several days ago, and the demand was so great that many more could have been disposed of. Boxes which at the opening of the sale were offered as $80 and $100, brought toward the close as high as $180, and $200 was offered after the sale closed.

Among those who have purchased proceniums boxes are Signor Banjotti, the Italian Consul; Señoras Del Monti and Aldama, well known among the Cuban revolutionists resident with us; Mrs. Walter S. Gurnee, Mrs. Fellows, and Mrs. Gilliman.

Boxes in the first and second tiers have been purchased by Alex. Taylor, Jr., L. P. Morton, Leonard Jerome, Harri Milletta, C. F. Scheffelin, Mrs. Wm. T. Garner, Clarke Bell, Mrs. Abecasis, Arthur Leary, Henry Clews, ex-Mayor Gunther, Mrs. Lloyd Aspinwall, Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. Edmund Knower, Mrs. Appleton, and Mr. W. A. Wheelock.

The Floor Committee consists of the General Committee of Managers, comprising about 300 ladies and gentlemen. The members in charge are: Arthur Leary, President; Vice-Presidents, Gen. Lloyd Aspinwall, Gen. Chester A. Arthur, Gen. F. C. Barlow, Wm. Cutting, Edward Cooper, Wm. T. Garner, Wm. P. Douglass, John H. Draper, J. P. Girard Foster, Gen. Hancock, Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Gen. Rufus Ingalls, Henry Leavitt, Gen. Geo. B. McClellan, Henry J. Nicholas, D. Kingsland, L. P. Morton, J. F. Stone, Mahlon Sands, E. W. Stoughton, W. Watts Sherman, A. B. Stockwell, L. Turnure, Hon. Augustus Schell, John Whipple; Treasurer, Henry Clews; Secretaries, Newton Dexter and Cornelius Du Bois, Jr.

The music will be furnished by C. S. Grafulla, leader of the military band, and J. M. Lander, leader of orchestra. The supper will be provided by Delmonico.

Senator Patterson of New-Hampshire.

The Nashua *Telegraph*, edited by the Chairman of the Republican State Committee of New-Hampshire, has been led by the developments of the Credit Mobilier investigation to speak as follows respecting Senator James W. Patterson, of that State:

In reflecting upon this matter, we think we see the fatal error that lies at the bottom of Senator Patterson's devious course. He entered politics ten years ago with a high personal reputation but with a very low idea of the ethics that obtain among politicians. Politicians are really no worse than other men, and there are but few sensible politicians who set upon the idea that "all is fair in politics." He who enters politics entertaining this idea is sure to be tripped by it sooner or later. A fear that Senator Patterson was half inclined to the "Liberal" movement turned the scale against him in the Senatorial contest last June. Many who had known him long and well had been forced by one circumstance and another to doubt his reliability both as a politician and a man. So, when his defeat came, the outside world, who knew him only by his fair reputation, were surprised; but that surprise was not shared by the well informed men of our own State. The Republican Party, unlike any other that has gone before it, will not bestow its honors upon men of compromised reputations. It may be Puritanism sometimes, and it may sometimes be slow to be understood, but when its teeth to one of its idols is once shaken, that idol is forever after a broken image.

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

This is the problem of the country today, and has been the persistent demand of the West for years. By the completion of the Pacific Railroad, and other great trunk roads through the West, millions of acres of the richest and best portion of our country have been made available for settlement and cultivation. The immense and constantly increasing surplus of the West must seek the seaboard for exportation. Besides all this, the trade of Japan, China, and other countries of Eastern Asia, will naturally follow the inevitable laws of commerce and trade, seeking those waters which offer the greatest facilities for the saving of time and expense. The question naturally arises: Can the present slow, lpadequate, and expensive avenues of trade meet the further demands that any thoughtful mind can easily imagine will be made upon them? Do these channels of trade and commerce, now existing, satisfy even the present demand? No; the great country that lies to our West already feels that its energies are cramped and stifled by the slow, tedious, and expensive routes now furnished it for placing its products at the seaboard.

The Eastern States, as well as our great Atlantic cities, are largely dependent on the West for their wheat, corn, beef, pork, and other products of the farm, as well as lumber, requiring a large tounage for its transportation, and which is to a great extent exchanged for Eastern manufactures, thus providing freight both ways. And they, too, unite with the West in demanding cheap and rapid freight and exchange of commodities.

Has this State the means of largely supplying this demand? Before attempting to answer, it is necessary to look at the present situation. Present canal from Buffalo to Albany, 352 miles; from Oswego to Albany, 204 miles.

Employed in the transportation of the canals of this State, 7,144 canal boats, as reported by Canal Auditor Dayton, 31 December, 1872, almost entirely towed by horses. Employing, say 28,000 men and boys, and say 12,000 to 14,000 horses.

	Days.
Average time of boats from Buffalo to New-York and back in 1865	36
Average time of boats from Buffalo to New-York and back in 1870	38
Average time of boats from Buffalo to New-York and back in 1871	36
Average time of boats from Buffalo to New-York and back in 1872	35
Average time of boats from Oswego to New-York and back in 1869	25
Average time of boats from Oswego to New-York and back in 1870	25
Average time of boats from Oswego to New-York and back in 1871	25
Average time of boats from Oswego to New-York and back in 1872	25

Average freight on wheat from Buffalo to New-York past eleven years, from 1861 to 1871, inclusive, 15.55c. per bushel; average freight on wheat from Oswego to New-York past eleven years, from 1861 to 1871, inclusive, 11.03c. per bushel, as appears by the Auditor's report of March, 1872. These figures speak for themselves, and do not require comment. The Canadian Government has commenced the enlargement of the Welland Canal to the capacity of passing vessels of 1,500 tons; width of canal, 100 feet, bottom, having side-slopes of two to one inch clay; length of locks, 270 feet between quoins; breadth, 45 feet; depth, 12 feet on mitre sills, canal depth being 13 feet; whole length of canal, 23 miles; enlarged canal to have nine locks in place of twenty-eight in the present canal. $1,500,000 has been expended on the work the past season, and it is expected to be completed in about three years, it being the settled policy to enlarge the canal and have the work completed with energy and in the shortest practicable time, not interfering with the navigation of the present canal. Meantime our Government is constructing a spacious harbor at Oswego, Lake Ontario, and it will probably be completed within two years.

PLAN PROPOSED.

	Miles.
Length of present canal from Oswego to Troy, via Syracuse, is	197
	Miles.
Less river navigation, say	20
Less Oneida Lake	37
Distance saved from present route by taking Oneida Lake route	40
	— 97
Total	100

which will leave about 100 miles of actual canal to be enlarged, or a new one built. Let this be done to a capacity of passing canal barges (driven by steam) carrying, exclusive of engine and fuel, 50,000 bushels wheat, the time between here and Oswego can be accomplished in three days, but to be moderate, say four days' average time. It is apparent from this statement that wheat can be delivered here from Oswego at not exceeding a cost of five cents per bushel, the barge paying a toll of $250 on the 50,000 cargo, leaving a handsome profit to the freighter, as we assume that the return freight to Oswego will fully pay all the running expenses of the round trip. With this canal, and the "Welland" completed, it cannot be doubted but with the facilities of the large steam propellers plying between Chicago, Milwaukie, and Oswego, and steam barges between this City and Oswego, making the time (as we are confident they will) in less than ten days all the way through, that a large proportion of the bulky and heavy freight will take this route, as it can be delivered at its destination in as short time as the average by rail, and at less cost, and equal, if not greater, safety. It cannot escape notice if this or some similar plan shall be adopted by our commercial community, and its accomplishment secured, that six hundred such steam barges as have been suggested will do as much actual freighting business as the 7,144 boats now employed, as their trips will be made in about one-third the time now taken. We have thus stated the outlines of a plan answering the question with which we started, viz., the demands of both East and West for cheaper and more rapid transit, in the hope of drawing the attention of our merchants and citizens to the subject at an early day, and trusting they will quickly harmonize on this or some other better plan which will effect the object. By what means, or precisely in what way, this is to be accomplished, we leave to our business men to determine, in entire confidence of their uniting upon the wisest course, only remarking that we have heard the sale of our present State canals advocated, on the ground of the central canal running the State in debt about $1,150,000 yearly, while the trunk lines under the present low tariff of tolls, hardly pay expenses of repairs, and with this should be included as no small item, regular and systematic frauds.

Such sale, if made, to be in sections, and with proper guards and guarantees to the State for maintenance, enlargements, and improvements. Tolls to be limited, and canals, or such portion as may seem proper and necessary, be and remain free to all boats on payment of legal tolls, and complying with all legal requirements.

It has been reported that in view of the importance, both to the East and West, of this subject, that a bill will be presented to Congress this Winter for their action, looking to the purchase and enlargement of our State canal, or an enlarged canal through the State in some other way. Much solicitude has been expressed by business men on account of the diversion of Western produce via St. Lawrence River to Montreal, and which is being steadily augmented, as appears by the annexed statement of deliveries in Montreal the past four years:

Articles.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872 to Nov. 13.
Flour, bbls	934,192	1,032,091	941,680	785,249
Oat-meal, bbls	5,947	9,415	6,754	.....
Corn-meal, bbls	774	491	4,713	.....
Total Flour, &c., bbls	990,940	1,041,997	953,147	785,249
Wheat, bushels	7,833,686	6,153,892	7,998,920	4,279,739
Corn, bushels	143,209	83,713	3,079,513	7,814,300
Oats, bushels	34,259	48,371	39,568	51,663
Barley, bushels	64,925	26,634	64,764	46,507
Rye, bushels	1,865	7,561	4,025	5,900
Peas, bushels	534,05	833,190	271,380	335,282
Total Grain, bushels	8,116,917	7,169,939	11,457,676	12,336,371
Flour to Wheat, bushels	4,954,70	5,209,885	4,765,732	3,926,245
Grand total, bushels	13,071,617	12,379,823	16,223 411	16,312,616

The magnitude of this diversion, important as it is, must, on the completion of the Welland Canal enlargement, and the enlargement of the St. Lawrence Canal locks, and the improvement of the St. Lawrence River navigation, be largely increased, probably doubled or trebled. Besides the West, we are receiving considerable of their merchandise from Europe via Montreal.

Boston has in contemplation the construction of a freight railroad, by way of the Hoosic Tunnel, to Lake Ontario, (probably Oswego,) to compete also for Western freight and business. Is it not time our citizens should give earnest and persistent attention to this subject of cheapening and expediting transportation?

Bold Highway Robbery.

At about 4½ o'clock yesterday morning, while Roundsman Conlin, of the Fourteenth Precinct, was on duty on the Bowery, he noticed a man standing in front of the Occidental Hotel, at the corner of Bowery and Broome-street, with a stream of blood running down his face from his head. The officer approached him, and asked him what was the matter, when the man, who proved to be William Keegan, residing at No. 119 West Houston-street, informed Conlin that he had been assaulted by a man who had struck him on the head with some sharp instrument, and then robbed him of a gold and a silver watch and a small amount of money. Keegan, who was partially intoxicated, could not describe the man who robbed him. After the officer had witnessed the robbery informed Conlin that the robber had just come down the Bowery, and described his appearance to the officer. The latter started in pursuit, and overhauled the man in a saloon where he had taken refuge. While proceeding with him to the station-house he attempted to throw away the gold watch he had stolen from Keegan, and it was secured by the roundsman. The prisoner, who gave his name as David Cunningham, of No. 307 Madison-street, was locked up. Keegan was found to have received a bad scalp wound, and he was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Cunningham was arraigned before Justice Hogan, at the Tombs, yesterday, and committed for examination.

THE PICTURE BUSINESS.

A Card From Mr. Derby.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention having been called to an article in THE TIMES, of Monday last, in which I am personally made the subject of cruel and unjust charges, I have to request that you will allow me to show in what respect the writer has done me injustice. I have for years been devoting my time and labors to the introduction into this country of first-class works of foreign art, and I think that all true connoisseurs will do me the justice to say that such works have generally been of a character to elevate instead of injuring the public taste. The last collection I brought here, sold in connection with that of Mr. Everard, of London, and which your article has so ruthlessly attacked, was not in any way inferior to what I had imported and sold before, and which had received such unqualified public approbation. Indeed, this same collection at the Academy of Design, embracing altogether some 400 paintings, was universally allowed by the Press of New-York—THE TIMES inclusive, if I am not mistaken—to be the finest collection of paintings ever simultaneously offered for sale in this City, i. e., that no collection containing so large a number of really first-class paintings ever was seen here, with so few that could be called mediocre. The writer says that things were to be found there such as "dealers buy by the score at an average rate of $12 or $15 apiece." I have only to say that out of the 400 paintings on exhibition 110 belonged to me; that every one was by some foreign artist of well-established reputation; that out of that 110 only five cost me less than $100, and that very few indeed came to my possession at so low a sum as that. The only way to prove this is by giving an exact list of these pictures, which I have done, showing what they cost me and what they went for at auction. By that list it will be seen that the total cost to me was $54,494, and the total proceeds at the sale $67,385, to which if you add $6,516 for expenses of sale, &c., I shall be found a loser of not less than $8,625 by the transaction.

So much for the intrinsic value of the pictures which were offered for sale. As to the mode of disposing of them the writer is equally unfair. No sale of pictures was ever conducted in New-York upon a fairer basis than the one in question—at least I am able to speak of that portion of it under my control; and I may add, that there never was a cleaner sale, one in which a larger proportion of pictures was actually sold, and at prices so moderate compared to their actual value. In this respect it will bear favorable comparison with the Beimont or the White collection, which created so much interest, and in either of which probably not more than two-thirds of the pictures were sold. Out of my 110 paintings only twenty-six remained unsold, and these would have been had there been bidders for them. Of those which were bought, if any purchaser is dissatisfied with his bargain, I am ready to take back the picture at the usual ten per cent. less than I received for it; and as to the remaining twenty-six pictures, any person is at liberty to have them at the price at which they were withdrawn at the sale, or the next lowest bid. These offers are not likely to be accepted, for the parties who purchase such choice paintings as I presented know their true value quite as well as I do, and perhaps a little better than some who write upon art in newspapers. That some few of my most valuable paintings were withdrawn at the New-York sale is true, but this was only after the first two days' sale, when, owing to the lack of bidders and the depressed condition of affairs created by the Boston fire, it was evident that they could only be utterly sacrificed. Could any reasonable man expect it to be otherwise? Does this writer imagine that at any auction sale a valuable painting which cost, perhaps, $10,000, is to be given away, because there happens to be no one present able or willing to offer more than $1,000 for it? I have only to say that this sale was conducted, as far as I know, upon the same honorable basis as all other sales undertaken by the well-known auctioneers who had disposal of my property, and I can only account for this intensely bitter attack upon me, by supposing that it was instigated by those interested parties who would gladly crush out every effort to elevate the fine arts among us by the importation of the ablest works to be obtained in foreign countries. Trusting that you will, in common justice, give this explanation as wide a circulation as your attack,

I am respectfully,

H. W. DERBY.

Sham Picture Sales.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your article under the above caption calls attention to a species of fraud which is by no means unfrequent. It was but a few years ago, says my informant, that an artist was indebted to a picture-dealer in this City for the loan of $1,000. The artist had been engaged upon a large picture, but was about to abandon its further development, when the picture-vender offered him $1,500 in addition to the amount of the loan, to complete it. The artist accepted the terms and finished the picture. It was in due time elaborately framed, judiciously hung, and artistically draped. Then circulars were issued, addressed to gentlemen prominent in the world of art, inviting them to view the picture, then on exhibition in Broadway. Among those invited came one who appeared anxious to add the elaborate frame and large canvas to his then not very extensive gallery; $20,000 was demanded for the painting, which had cost the dealer just $2,500 without the frame, and an offer of a considerably lower sum than was asked was met by the rejoinder that Mr. S. (the possessor of a very fine gallery) had already offered $18,000 for it. "And did Mr. B. offer $19,000 for it?" I asked of the gentleman who related the story to me. "No!" said he, "he wouldn't have it in his house." But it was sold for $20,000, and the public may have another opportunity to see it if the picture gallery in a large marble house should some day be thrown open for its inspection.

CAVEAT EMPTOR.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I was very glad to notice in Monday's NEW-YORK TIMES another article on "Sham Picture Sales," and was heartily glad that you followed up and still further exposed that gross swindle.

In order to more effectually expose this kind of swindling can't you obtain from the Custom-house copies of the invoices upon which the importers paid duties? Then, in one column, place the importing prices and in another the price they were sold for at auction.

Other dealers, in a smaller way, are preparing to sell poor pictures of well and favorably known artists, or daubs from mere copyists or beginners in art, and there is great danger that by the same devices you have so well explained that they may impose upon honest purchasers.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1873.

Fire-Marshal's Report for Last Month.

Fire-Marshal McSpedon makes the following report for the month ending Jan. 31, 1873: There were 135 fires during the month, involving a loss of $540,375, of which $453,800 was on stock and $86,575 on buildings. The amount of uninsured loss was $35,900 on stock, and $1,550 on buildings, making a total of $37,450.

The total amount of insurance was $2 067,570, of which $1,051,970 was on stock, and $1,006,600 on buildings. The number of fires in which loss was less than $100 was 89; between $100 and $1,000, 21; between $1,000 and $5,000, 14; between $5,000 and $10,000, 2; between $10,000 and $20,000, 5; between $20,000 and $50 000, 2; over $50,000, 2.

Comparative statement of fires, loss, and insurance for

	Fires.	Loss.	Insurance.
January, 1872	137	$351,144	$1,113,160
January, 1873	135	540,375	2 067,570

The following were the principal causes of fires: Carelessness of occupants and employes, 42; children playing with fire and matches, 9; Defective flues and heating apparatus, 7; foul chimneys, 17; gas-lights setting fire to goods and curtains, 7; hot coals falling from grates and stoves, 4; incendiary, 3; kerosene lamps, explosions and upsetting, 9; overheated stoves, furnaces and flues, and stove-pipes, 16; spontaneous combustion of oily rags, &c., 3; not ascertained, 8; and the remainder originated from a variety of accidental causes.

Wm. H. Kidd, arrested Jan. 6, charged with an attempt to set fire to premises No. 83 Murray-street, was placed under $10,000 bonds by Judge Dowling. Kalman Lippe, arrested Jan. 6 on charge of setting fire to the premises occupied by him at Nos. 85 and 87 Nassau-street, was discharged by Judge Barrett. Isidor Fiber, arrested on charge of firing premises No. 70 Catherine-street Jan. 15; Henry Solomon, arrested on charge of firing premises No. 663 Third-avenue Jan. 26; Samuel Rubin, arrested on charge of firing premises No. 34 East Broadway Jan. 27, were severally held to answer.

NOTES TO THE EDITOR.

A Parallel.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Some writer has attempted to prove that Richard III. of England was a very respectable, inoffensive individual, and that Shakespeare and history have wofully maligned him in picturing him as a murderous villain. So in this day attempts are made to make out that Boss Tweed has been more sinned against than sinning; and did not his heart melt with holy charity, when he gave out of his own pocket $50,000 to the poor of the Seventh Ward? Certainly he did, but how the money came into his pocket? "Aye, there's the rub!" and further the deponent saveth not. HISTORICUS.

The Water Famine.

To the Editor of The New-York Times:

Will not THE TIMES add one more to the good deeds it has done by coming to the relief of the unfortunates on Murray Hill, many of whom, for a month past, have not had a drop of Croton water above the first floor, except what has been carried by unwilling servants? We have waited, hoping every day that the "level" would be reached in the reservoirs, but our hopes have always been disappointed. It is not due to the fault of those who leave their faucets open to prevent freezing, for the late thaw made no difference in the supply. Perhaps it is significant that the opening of new mains and the cutting off of our own supply occurred at the same time. When are our bath-rooms and nurseries to be relieved from this serious annoyance?

MURRAY HILL.

Brennan's Surgeons.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I can partially verify Mr. Tremain's supposition as published in THE TIMES of to-day. Mr. Tremain says: "*Now that there should be only twenty-nine jurors summoned out of 100 by the Sheriff, is one of those extraordinary circumstances from which all men, as well as myself, are competent to draw their opinions. The Sheriff, it is known, is a personal and political friend of Tweed.*" One of those twenty-nine jurors whom the Tammany Sheriff "*knew would do*" is Henry M. Williams, now living at the Hotel Brunswick. Williams is a personal friend of "Mat. Brennan," and within one year lived on One Hundred and Sixth-street, directly in the rear of Brennan's Boulevard house, about 500 feet distant. The Brennan and Williams families for years have been on very intimate terms, and last Summer lived together at Sharon Springs, and afterward at the Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga, where "Harry Williams" did what little wire-pulling could be done in the Barnard trial. Last Winter Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Brennan celebrated their twenty-fifth year of married life by a "silver wedding." Among the presents was a $250 ice-dish from "Harry Williams." Brennan knew "Williams" well; and so long as dishonest, low politicians, such as "Mat. Brennan," superintend the summoning of jurors, justice cannot be done the people or a fair trial be had. P.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1873.

City Sidewalks.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Having noticed the beneficial effects of your remarks on the tardiness of the Street-cleaning Department to favor us with passable crosswalks, I would suggest that you would call the attention of the proper authorities to the miserable state of the sidewalks about town, those of Broadway not excepted. Some years ago the policemen would call on the occupants to clean ice and snow off the sidewalks and gutters; now, no one seems to have charge of this important duty. It is to be supposed that either the Police Department is not well directed, or that the householders of New-York have got to be in a state of contemptable niggardliness. We trust the responsible parties will suffer the same penalty for their shortcomings as our ex-Mayor. They will have richly deserved their punishment. In order to hold up to public contempt these niggards, it would be well to publish a list daily of the impassable sidewalks. It would have a much better result for the public welfare than the publication of the visits or inspections of the Building Department of houses and buildings which are as safe to-day as when first built. You might head the list by sidewalk south-east corner of Eighteenth-street and Second-avenue, south-west corner, &c. Yours, &c., OLD FOGY.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1873.

Public Executions.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

May I crave a small hearing in your great newspaper? There have been lately several articles in our daily Press on the "Cruelty of the Age"—a brutal scene at a dog-fight on Long Island, and the "barbarism" of a cock-pit recently opened for "sport" at Troy. Respectable reporters have groaned over these atrocities, and respectable papers have published their groanings, and respectable readers have groaned over the groanings thus published. And we, too, have felt pained and grieved with them at these exhibitions of low propensities in our fellow-men. Certainly that they should enjoy the so-called fun furnished by the sufferings of the poor dumb brutes is not only lamentable but disgusting. Lately, however, has been enacted in our midst a far more sickening scene than the ones mentioned so eloquently cried down, and not one of our worthy newspapers has raised even a feeble cry of horror. A few weeks ago not a cat or a dog, but a wretched man was carried from a prison-cell to the gallows, surrounded by a crowd of his fellows, swearing, swaggering, cursing, pushing, surging with more than eagerness that they may have a free one gimmpse, if only one, of the show for which they had risked both body and soul. Now we do not wish to question the tastes of these gentlemen, among whom reporters of our decent papers consent to enroll themselves. But, Mr. Editor, we simply want to ask if it is well to open the ball-doors of our humanitarian war, first, upon this little foible, to wit—the love of going to hangings—found in the animal nature of some men. And as all other means are likely to fail, there is a sure power in the hand of the law which can stop encouraging this foible if the extreme penalty is to be carried out, let it at least be strictly private, limiting it to those only whose presence is absolutely necessary. How improving, too, it would be to see no reports of the scene. Thus, with no invitations procurable, executions would cease to be debasing sights for those of the much-abused Romans enjoyed in the Coliseum before the Christian era. When men are so restrained, and the evil we speak of is remedied, perhaps the frequenters of dog and cock pits would grow beautifully less.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. BROWN.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1873.

The Other Side.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of the 28th you revert, in one of your able editorials, to the "bill" to reorganize the "Board of Public Instruction," and maintain that it is "virtually defective." Your opinion on such a subject as this, Mr. Editor, is, we are aware, deduced from no cursory examination, or hastily-formed conclusion. But, Mr. Editor, this bill, defective though it may be, is the teachers' "forlorn hope," and if you, who are the "prime mover" in all cases of Reform, lift up your voice against it, what shall we, the teachers, do?

We hoped, by it, to be freed from the Ring which has, and still does, manipulate our school matters, to our infinite discredit; hoped to be freed from the connivance of the "one-man power" that, *solens volens*, carries all points, from the presidency of a college to the most insignificant minutiæ. We hoped to be freed from the Jesuitical rule which has slowly and stealthily insinuated itself into our once non-sectarian schools, and corrupted our whole school system.

I am not a politician, Mr. Editor—"only a woman," and a school-teacher at that; but, with many of my associates, I look to you and your valuable paper in almost breathless anxiety, to catch your every word of encouragement or dis

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Stocks and Bonds Dull—The Week's Sales—The Week's Prices—The Week's Fluctuations—Gold Dull and Steady—Government Bonds Dull—Railroad Bonds Dull—Sales from 1 to 3 P. M.—Sales from 3 to 5 P. M.—Monday, Feb. 3—A. M.

The weekly averages of the Associated Banks, Local and National, reporting through the Clearing-house for the week ending Saturday last, Feb. 1, compare as follows with the previous week, and also with the corresponding week last year. To which we add the Gold and Currency balance in the New-York Office of the United States Treasury at these dates respectively:

	Feb. 8, '73.	Jan. 25, '73.	Feb. 1, '72.
National Capital	$71,785,000	$71,285,000	$71,285,000
Local Capital	16,370,500	16,919,200	16,919,200
Bonds	$27,184,200	$26,204,200	$26,204,200
Legal Tenders	28,252,400	28,252,400	7,252,400
Gold and Gold notes	24,950,000	20,371,000	15,612,200
Other Legal Tenders	4,000,000	4,974,000	4,982,100
Deposits	$90,000,200	$86,870,800	$17,168,500
Circulation	18,370,000	18,342,600	17,507,100
Specie	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Legal Tenders	16,370,000	16,342,600	15,507,100

We subjoin the relative strength of the Bank movement in respect to Lawful Money to Deposits and Circulation:

	Feb. 8, '73.	Feb. 1, '73.	Feb. 3, '72.
Deposits	$270,670,000	$271,985,500	$220,608,700
Circulation	32,536,200	32,601,000	33,216,700
Total	$303,206,200	$304,586,500	$240,152,470
Required at 25 ₱ cent.	$81,050,000	$81,167,375	$60,250,925
Lawful Money	60,305,700	61,251,300	70,521,900
Excess	$19,255,700	$20,083,925	$10,271,000
Ratio of Lawful Money to Deposits	17 ₱ cent.	17 ₱ cent.	29 ₱ cent.

The Bank movement loses about $2,000,000 from the surplus Gold and Greenbacks over the required 25 ₱ cent. to Deposits and Circulation. The large increase of Loans and Discounts is not consistent with the difference in Deposits. This may be owing to considerable Discounts for the Country Banks and the proceeds remitted in Bank Notes. Compared with this time last year, the general movement is weaker in Gold and Greenbacks by $5,085,000, and less by $13,386,000 than at the beginning of February two years ago.

The quarterly returns of all the National Banks of the United States compare as follows with the corresponding returns of last year:

	December, '71.	December, '72.
Capital	$428,975,588	$478,156,251
Circulation	101,567,153	110,698,197
Profits undivided	48,504,382	56,108,877
Due stockholders	$619,047,382	$645,118,146
Or percentage	137.56 ₱ ct.	135 ₱ ct.

The comparative strength of movement Dec. 16, 1871 and Dec. 27, 1872, is as follows:

	Dec. 16, 1871.	Dec. 27, 1872.
Deposits in gross	$386,062,913	$392,211,460
Less clearing items	122,207,067	103,636,194
Net deposits	$467,783,826	$488,585,266
Due to banks	34,194,626	34,036,406
In Treasury	15,000,541	12,427,966
Circulation	215,042,541	222,276,196
Demand liabilities	$636,797,348	$667,893,337
Gold and greenbacks	146,864,836	140,016,470
Per ratio	23.76 ₱ ct.	18.21 ₱ ct.

The condition of the Treasury in respect to Gold on hand and Gold Notes Circulation at the beginning of February, 1872 and 1873, respectively, is as follows:

	Feb. 1, '72.	Feb. 1, '73.
Gold on hand	$143,371,720	$92,822,804
Gold Notes out	36,500,500	24,246,500
Balance	$98,864,220	$68,096,194

As heretofore explained, the Treasury Gold balance was reduced in the Spring of 1872, by recalling from Europe about $40,000,000 United States 5-20s, for redemption in Gold, in excess of the exchanges of the 5-20 Stock, about $75,000,000, for the New 5 ₱ cent. Coupon Stock through the first Syndicate in London. The whole reduction in the United States 5-20s, since this time last year, is as follows:

By purchase and redemption	$96,000,000
By exchange of New Loan	76,000,000
Total	$172,000,000

PUBLIC STOCKS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Outstanding	Feb. 1, '72.	Feb. 1, '73.
United States 5-20s	$1,229,027,350	$1,057,987,350
New 5 ₱ cents	124,874,350	200,000,000
Together	$1,353,901,700	$1,257,987,350
Other Stocks	496,248,500	498,248,650
Total	$1,853,150,200	$1,756,016,000
Yearly Interest	$107,784,405	$101,215,272

The 1st of February schedule of the Public Debt of the United States, as telegraphed from Washington on Saturday, shows an increase of the Principal of the Public Debt since Jan. 1 of $406,248, leaving the entire reduction, under the present Administration, since March 4, 1869, the sum of $362,804,668, and the whole amount of Annual Interest saved is $23,040,078 in Gold on the Funded Stocks, and $1,656,300 in Currency per annum on the Three ₱ Cent. Greenback Certificates paid off since 1869.

The Import Entries in New-York, embracing Foreign Dry Goods and General Merchandise, for the past week, were $9,661,598, against $9,506,129 for the corresponding week last year. The Exports of Domestic Produce, other than Gold and Silver, were $4,856,-819, against $4,500,068 same week in 1871. The Export of Gold and Silver, $591,579, against $500,000 same week in 1871. The Customs, in Gold, paid into the New-York Office of the United States Treasury for the week were $2,128,000.

The Gold values of the Import entries of Foreign Merchandise at New-York, exclusive of Foreign Specie, since July 1, 1872, are as follows, the figures being official to Jan. 1, and since semi-official from the Custom-house:

July	$26,034,381	Jan. 4	$6,286,804
August	42,862,129	Jan. 11	8,348,106
September	34,830,320	Jan. 18	11,382,153
October	30,664,753	Jan. 25	10,106,806
November	23,660,040	Feb. 1	9,661,598
December	24,959,276		
Total since July 4, 1872			$227,127,698
Same time previous year			220,572,815
Increase since July 1			$16,374,423

The Currency value of exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign Goods re-exported from New-York, since July 1, is as follows:

July	$20,660,088	Jan. 1	$4,107,280
August	19,464,143	Jan. 8	3,512,906
September	15,264,795	Jan. 15	4,567,423
October	12,776,749	Jan. 22	4,222,176
November	12,772,519	Jan. 29	4,206,517
December	21,441,220		
Total since July 1			$126,916,476
Same time previous year			120,679,407
Increase since July 1			$6,236,469
			5.17 ₱ cent.

The Exports from New-York of Gold and Silver Coin and Bullion since July 1 are as follows:

July	$17,343,686	Jan. 4	$621,919
August	2,586,148	Jan. 11	1,868,322
September	1,439,635	Jan. 18	1,228,155
October	4,776,145	Jan. 25	1,265,544
November	4,463,925	Feb. 1	591,579
December	3,853,870		
Total since July 1, 1872			$42,948,947
Same time last year			34,308,260
Increase since July 1			$17,940,987

The following are the Customs receipts in Gold, and the interest payments in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury, from July 1, 1872:

	Customs.	Gold Interest.
July	$7,883,217	July	$16,961,448
August	19,950,768	August	3,075,096
September	14,891,845	September	3,725,223
October	11,214,166	October	5,518,389
November	7,747,601	November	6,957,456
December	6,951,775	December	2,450,218
January	14,357,097	January	*10,019,011
Feb. 1	234 000	Feb. 1	190,727
Total, 1872-3	$78,220,269	Total, 1872-3	$54,478,948
Total, 1871-2	85,064,495	Total, 1871-2	56,236,578

*Including 1 repayments in closing week of December.

The difference in the Customs deposits in the Sub-Treasury in New-York in January, 1873 and 1873, is $2,658,000, or about 20 ₱ cent. against the present receipts. The average difference at New-York, since July 1, when the Tariff was reduced, is 15 ₱ cent.; but this rate will, we believe, be much less at the outports. In the first three months of the fiscal year the decrease from the same quarter of the previous year was wholly on goods marketed at New-York.

But from the Public Debt statements for December and January, showing two millions *increase* for the two months, it begins to be quite evident that both the Internal and Tariff revenues of the Government have been reduced to the very verge of prudence, and, unless the appropriations by Congress outside the ordinary expenses of the Government are kept within safer bounds than of late, the Sinking Fund of one ₱ cent. a year on the Public Debt will be imperilled.

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE—THE WEEK.

	Feb. 3. '72.
American Gold	113⅞@114 — 109¾
U. S. 6-20s, '68, May and Nov	116⅜@116⅝ — 111⅜
U. S. 5-20s, '67, Jan. and July	116⅜@117 — 112
U. S. New 5 ₱ cents	114¾@113¾ xd — 108⅜
Central Pacific 6 ₱ cents	104 @102⅜ — 102⅜
Union Pacific 6 ₱ cents	86⅛@85⅜ — 97⅜ — 92⅜
New-York Central	105⅜@104⅜ — 98⅜
Rock Island	113⅝@113¾ — 112
North-west Common	83@82⅛ — 74⅛
Ohio and Mississippi	48⅜@48⅝ — 47⅜
St. Paul Common	54⅜@53⅞ — 56⅜
St. Paul Preferred	79@78⅛ — 74⅝ xd
Toledo and Wabash	74@72⅛@73⅜ — 75⅜
Union Pacific	85⅜@85@84⅛ — 83⅜
Erie	84⅜@87⅛ — 81⅛
Western Telegraph	83⅛@87⅞ — 72⅜
Pacific Mail	73⅛@75@71⅛@72⅜ — 68⅜
Lake Shore	95⅛@94⅜ — 91⅜

The temper of the Stock Exchange was *Bullish* for most of the week, and decidedly confident on the Public Funds and part of the Share list at the close. There was also much attention given to the Railway Mortgages, principally on investment orders. The favorable look of the New Syndicate has imparted buoyancy to the Public Funds and indirectly helped the new Railroad loans as well as the established Mortgages. A premium on the forthcoming Scrip or Allotments of the New 5 ₱ cents. of the United States is already quoted from London, and some of the New-York members of the Syndicate predict 2 ₱ cent. premium before the installments are complete in May and June.

The Telegraph and several of the Railroad Stocks, whether under clique engineering or not, are 2@3 ₱ cent higher than on our last week's review. On Saturday Western Telegraph sold up to 87¾ and Erie Road to 67¾ ₱ cent., and these movements gave a firm appearance to the general market, although not favored by very cheap money to the Brokers.

The Cotton trade of the week was 114,600 bales in receipts, and 89,400 bales in exports to foreign markets. The receipts for the Crop season are 2,253,000, against 1,916,000 bales to date last year, and the exports 1,260,000, against 1,014,000 bales last year. Prices are well supported, both here and in Liverpool.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

BANKING OFFICE OF FISK & HATCH, No. 5 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1873.

☞ The CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO, the CENTRAL, AND WESTERN PACIFIC BONDS, all of which have been negotiated by us, we believe to be among the best and most desirable investment securities in the market, which in time must become very scarce; especially as the Government will probably, during this year, pay off, in gold, $300,000,000 more FIVE-TWENTIES, and a large amount of the money thus released from investment must find its way into this class of securities.

The CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS, the total amount of which is only $15,000,000, are secured upon a property worth $35,000,000 to $40,000,000, and are fully equal in intrinsic value to the CENTRAL PACIFIC BONDS. They are issued in denominations of $100, $500, and $1,000, coupon or registered, and at their present market price, 86 and accrued interest, are very desirable.

The CENTRAL PACIFIC SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS are too well known to require description or commendation. Their total amount is $25,885,000; they have for a long time ranged in market price near or above par. Their market price to-day is 102 to 102¼.

The WESTERN PACIFIC SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS amount to $2,735,000. This road is now consolidated with the CENTRAL PACIFIC, and the payment of its bonds, principal and interest, is assumed by the latter. Coupon Bonds, $1,000 each. Their market price to-day is 91¼ to 91½. As they have recently been introduced on the Stock Exchange, we expect to see them rapidly rise to the price of CENTRAL PACIFICS, being substantially the same in character and value.

We buy and sell, as usual, Government Bonds, receive deposits, on which we allow interest, make collections, and conduct a general banking business in all its branches.

FISK & HATCH.

BANKING-HOUSE OF HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

Bills of Exchange, Circular Notes, Travelers' and Commercial Credits issued, available in all parts of the world.

Deposits received, subject to check on demand. Interest allowed on all Daily Balances, every accommodation and facility afforded usual with City Banks.

☞ BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND GOLD 7 PER CENT. BONDS, Coupon and Registered, yielding over nine per cent., for sale and recommended as an undoubted security and a safe and profitable investment. by

HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 Wall-st.

☞ WE ARE NOW SELLING THE GOLD Seven per cent. First Mortgage Bonds of the West Wisconsin Railway Company's Southern extension or Chicago connection, at 87 and accrued interest in currency. We confidently recommend these bonds to investors. For further information apply at our office, No. 18 Wall-st.

WHITE, MORRIS & CO.

MILWAUKEE CITY SEVEN PER CENT. WATER LOAN

BONDS, redeemable in 1902; interest payable 1st January and 1st July, in New-York. For sale at 95 and accrued interest by WESTON & DE BILLIER, No. 35 New-st.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

$300,000,000

UNITED STATES 5 PER CENT.

FUNDED LOAN.

PRINCIPAL redeemable at par after 1st May, 1881, in United States Gold Coin of the present standard; interest payable quarterly in United States Gold Coin, and both Principal and Interest exempt from taxation, whether under Federal, State, Municipal or Local Authority.

AS AUTHORIZED BY ACTS OF CONGRESS, APPROVED JULY 14, 1870, AND JAN. 20, 1871.

The Proceeds of these Bonds are to be applied to the Redemption and Cancellation of United States Five-Twenty Bonds; as provided in said acts.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1873.

The Secretary of the Treasury having concluded with Messrs. Jay Cooke & Co., representing Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., and themselves; and with Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., and Drexel, Morgan & Co., representing Messrs. Barling Bros. & Co., J. S. Morgan & Co., Morton, Rose & Co., and themselves, a contract for the negotiation of the remaining Five per cent. Bonds of the Funded Loan of the United States; the undersigned are prepared to receive applications at par and accrued interest for any part of

$300,000,000

UNITED STATES 5s OF 1881,

Issued under the acts of Congress above mentioned.

Applications may be made payable either in cash (in gold) or in Five-twenty Bonds of any issue.

The Bonds now offered ARE ALL THAT REMAIN OF THE $500,000,000 FIVE PER CENTS. AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS, and it is hardly necessary to say that the combination intrusted with the management of this negotiation embraces connections in Europe and America which practically insure the placing of the entire amount and the REDEMPTION OF $300,000,000 OF FIVE-TWENTY BONDS, AFTER WHICH ONLY FOUR AND ONE-HALF AND FOUR PER CENT. BONDS WILL REMAIN FOR HOLDERS OF FIVE-TWENTIES DECLINING THIS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE FOR FIVE PER CENTS.

The Coupon Bonds are in denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000, $5,000, and $10,000. The Registered Bonds are in like amounts, with the addition of denominations of $20,000 and $50,000, Interest, PAYABLE QUARTERLY, will commence from 1st of February, the first interest payment being May 1, 1873.

The Bonds may, at the option of the holder, be registered, and United States Treasury Checks for interest thereon will be sent from Washington to the Post-office address of the holder, in any part of America or Europe.

Applications will be received at the office of either of the undersigned, and must be accompanied by the required deposit.

Payment in gold will be made as follows:

5 Per Cent. - - On Application.
5 Per Cent. - - On Allotment.
40 Per Cent. - - On May 1.
50 Per Cent. - - On June 1.

When preferred, the deposit upon application may be made in currency or any United States bonds.

Interest at 5 per cent. (gold) per annum will be added from Feb. 1 to the date of the several payments.

Payment in Five-twenties will be made by exchanging Bond for Bond, interest being adjusted to Feb. 1. The preliminary deposit of 5 per cent. in such cases will be returned upon receipt of the Five-twenties, the class of which must be specified in the application.

The Books will be opened simultaneously in Europe and America on the *4th inst., and remain open until the evening of the 7th inst.*, and the allotments will be made as soon as possible thereafter.

Provisional receipts (scrip) will be given for the deposits. The Bonds will be furnished at as early a date as practicable against corresponding amounts of Five-twenty Bonds or payment in full.

Should the allotment of Bonds not equal the subscription, the preliminary deposits in each case will be returned forthwith to the extent of the excess.

When desired we will furnish the coin (without commission) and make settlement in currency, and will also receive at current market price, any Bonds of United States other than Five-twenties.

JAY COOKE & CO.
MORTON, BLISS & CO.
DREXEL, MORGAN & CO.

Applications will also be received by Messrs. FISK & HATCH, VERMILYE & CO., HENRY CLEWS & CO., CLARK, DODGE & CO., FIRST NATIONAL and FOURTH NATIONAL BANKS, from whom the forms may be procured.

INVESTMENT BONDS.

No. 20 WALL-ST., Feb. 3.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company now has in full operation, with regular daily trains, 321 miles of road. A distance of nearly 200 miles more is constructed. The Minnesota section, immediately on its completion, entered upon a satisfactory business, including local traffic and the large carrying trade of the North-western British Settlements and the Hudson's Bay Company. The recently-completed section of sixty-five miles, on the Pacific Coast, at once commands a profitable business between Puget Sound and the Columbia River, heretofore done by coastwise steamers. On the opening of Spring, with more than 500 miles of Road in regular operation, the Company will control the extensive and productive trade of the Upper Missouri, much of Montana and the North-west. The earnings of the Road for 1873 will be large.

Arrangements for pushing construction vigorously the coming year are progressing satisfactorily.

Of the nearly Ten Million acres of land accruing to the Company in connection with the portion of Road now virtually constructed, some Two Million acres of excellent average quality are in market, and their sale and settlement progressing. The average price thus far realized is $5 66 per acre—which is at the rate of more than $100,000 per mile of Road for the whole grant.

The Company has already begun the process of redeeming and canceling its First Mortgage Gold Bonds, as they are now being received at 1.10 in payment and exchange for the Company's lands.

With these accomplished results and most favorable prospects, the Company is now selling its First Mortgage 7.30 Bonds for the purpose of completing its line of road. We recommend them as a well secured and unusually profitable investment. They have the following elements of strength and safety: They are the obligation of a strong corporation; they are a First Mortgage on the Road, its right of way, telegraph line, Equipments and Franchises, and a first lien on its Net Earnings. In addition to this usually sufficient security, there is pledged for the payment of principal and interest a Land Grant of 12,800 acres per mile of road through the States, and 25,600 through the Territories. The rate of interest (seven and three-tenths per cent. gold) is equal now to about 8¼ currency. *Gold Checks for the semi-annual interest on the Registered Bonds are mailed to the Post-office address of the owner.*

All marketable securities are received in exchange on most favorable terms. For sale by Banks and Bankers generally.

JAY COOKE & CO.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1873.

The receipts of the principal Grain and Produce staples since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkg	3	Resin, bbls	177
Beef, bbls, pkg	31	Oil, bbls	50
Copper, bbls	14	Beef, pkg	295
Cotton, bales	3,436	Pork, pkg	1,230
Flour, bbls	7,070	Cut-meats, pkg	6,630
Meal, bbls	900	Lard, tes	3,775
Meal, bags	100	Oil-cake, pkg	87
Wheat, bushels	1,900	Dressed Hogs, No	1,400
Corn, bushels	4,100	Butter, pkg	1,440
Oats, bushels	11,720	Cheese, pkg	96
Seed, bags	638	Tallow, pkg	874
Dried Fruit, pkg	129	Starch, pkg	167
Eggs, bbls	364	Grease, pkg	221
Beans, bbls	710	Starch, pkg	1,450
Peas, bbls	100	Tobacco, hhds	55
Hops, bales	9	Tobacco, pkg	44
Hides, No	143	Wool, bales	316
Hides, bdls	1,100	Whisky, bbls	517
Leather, sides	3,672		

COFFEE—Quiet, but nominally unchanged as to price; 4,000 bags Rio, by the Blanchard, at Baltimore, sold on private terms. Stock of Coffee includes 34,164 bags Rio and Santos, 2,115 bags and 26,794 mats Java, 11,078 bags Ceylon, 4,834 bags Singapore, 1,130 bags Jamaica, 456 bags Laguayra, and 421 bags Maracaibo.

COTTON—Has been very dull and rather weaker in prices for early delivery; sales, 794 bales, including 357 bales to spinners, 190 bales to shippers, and 167 bales to speculators. For forward delivery, transactions were restricted, and prices quoted off ¼c. ₱ lb on contracts for the earlier months. Sales have been made of 10,950 bales, (of which 3,150 bales in the evening, and 7,800 bales to-day,) basis Low Middling, with February contracts closing at 20¼c.; March, 20 11-16c.@20 3-4c.; April, 21c.; May, 21¼c.; June, 21½c.; July, 22c. The receipts at this port to-day were 3,436 bales, including 1,270 sales from Norfolk, 1,990 bales from Galveston, 572 bales per rail....Exports hence this week, 10,150 bales.

Closing Prices of Cotton in New-York.

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	18¼	18¼	18¾	19
Good Ordinary	19¾	19¾	19¾	20¼
Strict Good Or.	19 13-16	20 1-16	20 5-16	20 9-16
Low Middling	20¼	20¾	21	21
Middling	21¾	21¾	21¾	22¼
Good Middling	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been very quiet since our last, but as a rule essentially unchanged as to values, though in the instance of choice Superfine a further advance has been noted, on a scant offering. Sales have been reported of 7,100 bbls., all told, including inferior to very choice Superfine State and Western at $6 40@$7 25, chiefly at $6 75@$7 25 for fair to very choice; inferior to very good Extra State, $7 35@$7 85, chiefly at $7 60@$7 85; good to very fancy do., $7 90@$8 65; poor to very good shipping Extra Western, $7 30@$7 80, chiefly at $7 @$7 75; poor to good shipping brands round-hoop Ohio, $7 50@$7 90; fancy shipping Extra Western at $7@$8 50 ₱ bbl., and trade and family Extras at proportionate rates....Southern Flour steady, though inactive: 220 bbls. sold....Of Rye Flour 150 bbls., and of Corn-meal 200 bbls., were placed, at former rates; market unaltered.

GRAIN—Wheat has been lightly dealt in, but has been quoted firm on meagre offerings of prime stock. Sales, 2,000 bushels, at $1 72 for very good No. 2 Milwaukee Spring, afloat; $1 65 for fair to good No. 2 Chicago do., do.; $1 64 for prime do., in store; $1 55 for inferior No. 3 Spring: Winter held above the views of buyers, and without movement of importance....Corn has been in fair shooting at less active request, at firm rates, with much lighter offerings of prime samples noted. The main call has been for old Mixed Western, in store; and new do., afloat. Sales have been reported of 78,000 bushels, at 64¼c.@64¾c. for prime to choice old Mixed Western, in store, and at 64¾c. for prime; 66¾c.@67c. for do., afloat, in lots; 65¼c.@66¼c. for new Mixed Western; 66c.@67c. for new Yellow do.; 65¾c. for fair ordinary Western; and 75c. for choice White Southern....Rye, Barley, and Barley-malt quiet, at about former figures....Oats have been moderately sought after, and quoted rather stronger, for really desirable samples, which have been comparatively scarce. Sales, 45,000 bushels at 53½c.@55c., chiefly at 54c. for new mixed Western; 54c. for small lots of old do., in store; 54c. for White Western; 55c. for extra choice White, in store, (one car load;) 54c. for mixed State; 56c. for fair ordinary White do.; and 51¼c.@53¾c. for new Black....The export clearances during the week for European ports include 5,043 bbls. Flour, 117,721 bushels Wheat, and 311,606 bushels Corn.

GUNNY BAGS AND BAGGING—Very quiet at 13c. and 10c. Stocks here, 3,900 bales Bags and 17,000 bales Bagging, and 2,220 bales Bags, and 9,300 bales Bagging at Boston.

HEMP—Has been inactive at about former rates; 1,000 bales Jute Butts sold as 2 1-16c., currency. Messrs. H. H. Crocker & Co. report the stock here as including 50,000 bales Manilla, 27,000 bales Jute, and 70,000 bales Jute Butts and rejections; and at Boston, 10,900 bales Manilla, 7,470 bales Jute, and 27,500 bales Jute Butts and rejections.

HIDES—Show more activity, and, for desirable stock, rather more steadiness as to prices. The week's receipts have been 21,800 Hides and 309 Calfskins, as-as, 48,198 Hides and 128 bales do., the latter including, according to Messrs. Hull & Co., 3,500 Dry Buenos Ayres, 22½ lbs., at 28c.; 20,700 Dry Montevideo, to arrive, 24½@22 lbs., at 27¼c.@27½c.; 1,300 Dry Cape, 24@22 lbs., at 25½c., gold, selected; 1,400 Dry Central American, 19@22 lbs.; 900 Dry Mexican, 17@22 lbs.; 220 Dry Saad, 20 lbs.; 600 Dry Para, 17 lbs.; 2,300 Dry Thumbo, part to arrive, 23 lbs.; 5,000 Dry Texas and Mexican, part to arrive, 27@24 lbs.; 3,000 Dry Texas and Mexican Kips, part to arrive, 9@11 lbs.; 1,850 Wet-salted Texas, 50@52 lbs.; 700 Wet-salted Texas Kips, 22 lbs.; 200 Wet-salted Matamoras, 52 lbs., on private terms; 2,500 Wet-salted City Slaughter, 70@75 lbs., at 12c., currency; 128 bales Calcutta Buffalo, 23 lbs., on private terms. The stock on hand is 69,850 Hides and 615 bales, same time last year, 34,850 Hides and 75 bales,) as follows: 26,800 Dry Buenos Ayres, &c.; 1,250 Dry Montevideo, &c.; 1,800 Dry Central American, 4,100 Dry Bogota, 2,000 Dry and salted Mexican, 7,000 Dry Texas and Southern, 130 bales Calcutta Buffalo, 715 bales Calcutta Cow.

MOLASSES—Sales, 320 bbls. New-Orleans, in lots, at 72c.@76c. ₱ gallon. Market unchanged. Stock, 5,800 bbls. foreign and domestic, against 4,520 bbls. do. and do., Feb. 1, 1872.

Stock of Molasses in New-York Feb. 1:

	1872.	1873.
Clayed Cuba, hhds	245	65
Cuba Muscovado, hhds	334	400
English Island, hhds	499	727
Porto Rico, hhds	3,286	1,721
New-Orleans, equal to hhds	165	1,042
Grand total, hhds	4,529	3,955

NAVAL STORES—Resin has been dull and heavy, with Strained offered at $3 70 ₱ 280 lbs. No important transactions....Tar unchanged....Spirits Turpentine lower, on sales of 24½ bbls. at 43c., closing at 36c. bid, and 36¾c. asked.

PETROLEUM—Crude quiet at 9c., in bulk....Refined held more firmly at 23¼c., but inactive....Refined, in bond, quiet and quoted at 27¾c....Rectified at Philadelphia dull; held at 20c....Naphtha inactive and irregular; 1,200 bbls. City sold on private terms.

PROVISIONS—Beef has been dull and generally heavy; quoted at $14 25 in job lots, and $14 05@$14 10 for February and March options, on a very tame inquiry. Prime Mess has been in rather more demand at steady rates; 325 bbls. West. were placed at $14. Stock of Pork in packing yards of New-York and Brooklyn, to-day, 42,348 bbls., including 16,250 bbls. new, and 25,998 bbls. old. Receipts of Pork here in January, 25,901 bbls....Dressed Hogs have been in fair demand, with Western quoted at 5¼c.@6¾c., and City at 6¼c.@7¼c. ₱ lb....Cut-meats in moderate demand and somewhat firmer; sales, 13 bbls. Smoked Hams at 8¼c.; 2c boxes Pickled shoulders at 5¾c.; 18,500 lbs. Pickled Bellies, in bulk, at 8c.@8¼c.; 10 boxes Bellies, 12 lbs., at 8¾c.; 50 boxes Long-cut Hams, 17 lbs., at 11c., and 2,000 Pickled Hams, in bulk, at 9¼c.@10¼c. ₱ lb....Lard has on quoted weak on a restricted call for supplies; sales, 250 boxes Short Rib, to arrive, on private terms; 381 boxes Short Clear at 7¾c.@7¾c.; 2c0 boxes do., March, on private terms; 50 boxes Long Clear at 7½c., and 500 boxes Long and Short Clear, April, reported at 7¾c....Laid has been less active and quoted rather easier toward the close, with sales reported of 500 tes. Western Steam at 8 3-16@8 5-16c.; 50 tes. choice do. Kettle at 8¾c.; 50 tcs. fair do. do. at 8¼c.; 280 tcs. City Steam at 8¼c.; 50 tcs. do. Kettle at 8¼c.; 450 tes. Western Steam, March options, at 8¾c., closing heavy with 8 7-16c. asked; 1,250 tcs. do., April, at 8¾c., and 1,750 tcs. do., May, at 8¾c....Beef products very dull within the previous range; 25 bbls. sold....Stock of Beef, 43,074 tcs. and bbls., including 25,319 tcs. and bbls., new, and 17,755 tcs. and bbls., old. .....Butter, Cheese, and Eggs essentially unaltered. .....The exports hence, during the week, to European ports, include 2,453 bbls. Pork, 29,003 boxes Bacon, 3,259 tcs. and bbls. Beef, 23,434 pks. Lard, 165 pks. Butter, and 9,782 boxes Cheese.

RICE—Has been moderately sought after at steady rates. Stock, 400 casks Carolina, and 17,650 bags East India. Carolina enquired at 8@9¾, the latter rate for choice; Patna, 7¾@8¼; Rangoon, 6¾@6¾ ₱ 100 lbs.

SALTPETRE—Dull at 6¼c.@7c., gold; stock, 5,000 bags here, and 3,000 bags at Boston.

SEEDS—Calcutta has been in fair request, and sales have been reported of 500 bags and 2,500 pockets, to arrive, at $2 67½, and 2,000 bags, to arrive by the Likh, at $2 65, gold, 60 days' credit. Clover firm, but quiet at 9¼c.@10c. for fair to choice. Flax and Timothy dull....Stock of Calcutta, according to Messrs. H. H. Crocker & Co., 50,500 bags here, and 13,000 bags at Boston; of Bombay, 21,500 bags at Boston.

SKINS—There has been a moderate inquiry for Deer at firm prices; sales, 25,000 lbs. Porto Cabello, 1,500 lbs. Texas, and 500 lbs. Payta. Receipts, 118 bales Deer Laguayra and Porto Cabello, 2 do. from Central America, 43 do. from Progreso and Vera Cruz, and 9 do. Texas, &c. A livelier movement has been noted in Goat at full rates for desirable lots. Sales reported of 300 bales Curacoa, 100 do. Dry Mexican, 145 do. Dry Cape, 75 do. Payta and Peruvian, and, previous to arrival, 561 do. Mocha. Receipts, 14 bales from Laguayra, 122 do. from Central America, 865 do. from Vera Cruz, &c., and 14 do. from Savanilla, &c.

SUGARS—Rather more animation has been noted in Raw, chiefly on refining account, on the basis of yesterday's modified figures for fair to good refining, and No. 13 Box, and within the range of 9¼c.@9¾c. for Centrifugal. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 771 hhds. strictly fair refining Cuba and Centrifugal—the former at 9c. and the latter at 9¼c.@9¾c., 1,152 boxes Centrifugal, part at 9¼c.; 37 hhds. Demerara at 10¼c.; 10 hhds. Texas at 8c.; 2,000 bags Pernambuco, and 311 hhds. Melado, on private terms. Refined in quite moderate request at unchanged prices. Stock of Raw, 17,609 hhds., 48,125 boxes, 106,354 bags, (of which were 95,563 bags Manila, and equal to 10,791 bags Brazil,) and 77 hhds. Melado.

Stock of Sugar in New-York Feb. 1.

	1872.	1873.
Cuba, hhds	11,304	12,891
Porto Rico, hhds	672	840
Martinique, hhds	1,738	410
English Islands, hhds	2,262	3,574
New-Orleans, hhds		94
Grand total, hhds	15,944	17,809
Total boxes	17,777	48,125
Total bags	182,392	106,354
Melado, hhds	1,228	77

TALLOW—Has been quite firm, and prime has been offered sparingly, checking business, though the demand has been fair; 42,000 lbs. fair ordinary to strictly prime sold at 8¼c.@9c. ₱ lb. Of grease 60 pkgs. sold at 6¼c.....Exports of Tallow this week, 2,227 pkgs.

TOBACCO—Firm, but not active; stock, 6,597 hhds. Domestic, and 36,56 bales Spanish.

WHISKY—Advanced to 94c. ₱ gallon, on sales of 400 bbls. in lots.

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FREIGHTS—Berth Freights have been generally dull, rooms having been scarce, and engagements ruling rather light. The chartering movement was on a moderate scale, caused by the scant supply of suitable tonnage available and the higher figures claimed; especially for Liverpool, which was active in more urgent request. For Liverpool the reported engagements, since our last, have been, in all, 2,200 tes. Lard and 800 boxes Bacon at 25s.@27s. 6d., and by steam, 4,500 bales Cotton at 4-64@7-64 ₱ lb.; 100 barrels Bacon, chiefly at 45s.; 500 boxes Cheese at 50s.; 100 tes. Beef and 200 bbls. Apples in private terms....For London, the British steamship Kansas, of 1,123 tons, at private terms, and placed on the berth for general cargo, in Messrs. R. R. Morgan's Sons line....For Cork and orders, a Norwegian bark, 470 tons, hence, with about 3,000 quarters Corn, (a recharter,) at 7s....For Glasgow, the steamer Cairn

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This is likely to be a busy week. TWEED will probably be again placed on trial, and his old friends, BARNUM & Co., will have another opportunity of trying their hands at the interesting process known as packing a jury. The Credit Mobilier investigations may perhaps come to an end, and we shall know the extent to which GARFIELD and his little book can damage the reputations of Congressmen. The Legislature at Albany will be invited to consider the new charter, and may possibly make some progress toward giving us a municipal code. GAIL SCHENCK, that great and injured "statesman," may emerge from his hiding-place, and BANCROFT DAVIS may do something startling as Secretary of State, though only under the style and title of "Assistant Secretary"—but Mr. DAVIS does not much care what he is called so long as he wields the power. It was always the substance, and not the shadow that he loved, so Mr. ELDRIDGE says.

The New-York public is a very patient one, and people who have any dealings with it take the utmost advantage of that amiable infirmity—for patience may become an infirmity when it is carried too far. Throughout a very large part of the City the supply of Croton water has been, for weeks past, miserably inadequate to the wants of householders. From the upper parts of houses the supply has been totally cut off. On Saturday morning there was no water whatever to be obtained throughout a large district. Without a word of warning, thousands of families were left without the means of getting sufficient water even for breakfast. What tricks the water purveyor or chief engineer may be trying we do not know, but it is certainly high time that some explanation was given of the inconvenience inflicted on so large a section of the public. Commissioner VAN NORT ought to be able to tell us something about it. Of course there will be no abatement of Croton tax bills in consideration of the wretched supply of the past few weeks. At any rate, let us know how long this grievance is to be inflicted on the community.

One distinct case of bribery is traced to the treasury of the Union Pacific Railway Company. Mr. WEBSTER SNYDER on Saturday gave the details of the transaction, a general statement of which has already appeared. Mr. SNYDER was General Superintendent of the road in 1868. In November of that year, CORNELIUS WENDELL, a Government Commissioner, appointed by Mr. JOHNSON, and himself a Democrat, came to Bryan, in Wyoming Territory, to inspect the road. He saw SNYDER, and refused to act unless he was paid $20,000. SNYDER consulted DURANT, then Vice-President of the road, who would neither authorize nor forbid the payment, and SNYDER made it, drawing the money from the Omaha National Bank, and furnishing security for it on his own account. OLIVER AMES, President of the Company, wrote to inform the Superintendent that he had done wrong. But the item was charged to the "contingencies and construction" account, and was never demanded of SNYDER by the company. The payment is very significantly described as "blood."

The impression is said to prevail in Washington that there are a great many rascals in and from Kansas, and that Senator CALDWELL has been tempted by them and fallen. We do not pretend to judge of the correctness of this impression, but, if it should be confirmed by the report of the committee, the Senate should immediately take action to purify itself, remembering that the delay in the investigation has produced an impression which should be removed as soon as possible.

There is something kaleidoscopic about the reports our brethren of the western coast send us of the Modoc war, and the transactions connected with it. One day extermination is described as imminent; the next, Peace Commissioners appear on the scene, confident of settling the trouble; another day the Modoc leader, "Capt. Jack," is himself making proposals for a peace conference, induced thereto by a bullet in his arm; then comes [illegible]; then Modocia, "the result of which the above invitation had been suggested, and the "parties of the second part" had gone up on a high hill to await the coming of the chief, he refused to come, and the immediate renewal of the fight is promised. It is to be hoped that any future attack may be better planned and prove more successful than the last.

The Credit Mobilier—An Opportunity.

The labors of Judge POLAND'S Investigating Committee are drawing to a close, and it is probable that the testimony will all be in shortly, and the report promptly submitted. This report will be awaited with great interest. Its preparation offers to the able men who are on the committee an opportunity to perform a service to the nation, which, if not agreeable, will be very valuable. We have no doubt that the opportunity will be accepted by the committee, and that the duty imposed upon it will be not only impartially but fully performed. The Chairman, Judge POLAND, of Vermont, is not, we are confident, the man to wish to evade a task, however difficult or painful it may be, which is urgently demanded by the public good.

What is needed, above all things, is a direct, explicit, and full statement of the facts proven, and the bearing they have either on the previous action of Congress or on the character of the Congressmen concerned. The country at large is in a great deal of confusion as to the exact nature of the Credit Mobilier. Little is clearly known of its origin and operations, the relations of its managers to the Union Pacific Railway, the amount and kind of legislation enacted affecting its interests, favorably or unfavorably; the dates at which such legislation was completed, or the part taken in such legislation by Congressmen interested in the corporation. All these points have been brought before the committee, and it is in a position to fairly and fully present them to the public. It is to be hoped that this will be found advisable, even though no direct action of Congress may be called for. A report simply of the evidence, voluminous and intricate as it must be, would be of comparatively little value. The public needs, and it is not too much to say that it is entitled to, the candid opinion of the committee as to what the testimony actually proves. The committee has the confidence of the country. It was demanded by a Republican and appointed by a Democrat, and no critic of either party has aspersed its fairness or thoroughness. Its members have a better opportunity to come to just conclusions on all points involved than anybody else can have, and it is to be hoped that their conclusions can be fully stated. Were the evidence alone to go to Congress, that body would be morally certain to arrive at no opinion satisfactory or profitable to the country. If it were feasible for Congress to embody its views in action, which could only be done in extreme cases, such action would probably be neither comprehensive nor conclusive. Members would be influenced by prejudice, or sympathy, or party feeling, or indifference, and the result would leave the public in nearly as great doubt as before.

Such a termination to this important matter would be in every way unfortunate, for the guilty would not be pointed out, and the innocent would not be vindicated. What would be eminently desirable is a report from which the country could make up its mind clearly as to the conduct of the various gentlemen who have been connected with the matter. If the stock was an improper one for Congressmen to hold, let the committee state that conclusion, and the reasons for it. If there has been a corrupt interest on the part of the managers of the company, or any of them, followed by any acts in the accomplishment of that intent, that ought to be known. If any Congressman connived in any way at such acts, let him be pointed out. If any Congressman endeavored to evade any direct or reasonable requirement of his position, let him be named and his course described. If any Congressman has involved his conduct in suspicion by contradiction, prevarication, or falsehood in his testimony, the public is entitled to have his case, also, candidly explained.

We are convinced that this is the treatment of the whole matter which will be most just to every one involved, and most useful. This is the only way in which the truth about the whole subject can be made known without prejudice to any, and with only just and necessary discredit to those who deserve it. If the country is left to the formation of vague notions, picked up from fragmentary evidence, accompanied by incomplete comment, such as the Press will mainly provide, the Government of the country will be lowered in public esteem, while the public itself will not be instructed and guided to reform, but merely demoralized. The public conscience will not be aroused, but confused and dulled. It is in the power of the committee alone to prevent such a real injury to the country by an explicit and complete report.

Business at Albany.

Although both branches of the Legislature have been unusually industrious, yet business is rapidly accumulating, and it is inevitable that as the members get behind with their work, they will become careless in the discharge of their duties. Experience has warned us that little creditable legislation can be expected during the latter part of the session, if important measures are postponed to that period; and we have hoped, therefore, that action would be taken on the amendments to our city charter at an early day. That the fourth week of the session is about to commence with this important business hardly begun, is not a fact calculated to strengthen the confidence of the friends of Reform in that speedy deliverance from Tammany which was expected from the Legislature.

We are aware that the difficulties in the way of the accomplishment of this task are both great and numerous, and the loss of time thus far could not have been avoided. If a majority of the Committees on Cities should hear all the arguments for or against the proposed amendments, which those entitled to be heard on the subject chose to present, and the days devoted to this end were well employed, as they tended to show that there are no irreconcilable differences among the friends of Reform in the City, in regard to what changes are necessary in our charter. But the final hearing took place a week ago, and, so far as we can learn, no progress has been made in the Committees on Cities in the work which they have in hand. If anything has been done, it certainly does not appear in the fact that one meeting of the committees has been held at which only a few of the sections of the charter were considered, without, so far as we know, any conclusion having been reached.

The form in which the required changes have been presented it, perhaps, the cause of much of the delay thus far encountered, and it certainly will be chargeable for the whole of it in the future. No fact is better known than that the midnight legislation of TWEED, which delivered this City, bound hand and foot, over to the thieves, took shape in various enactments which were either rushed through or smuggled into the statute-books. As a part of the stupendous fraud, the phraseology of these laws was so loose that even when it was intended to confer proper and necessary powers they were not clearly defined, and the result has been that it is impossible to say with certainty what is law. When upon this patchwork of TWEED another set of amendments is imposed, we do not wonder that the Committees on Cities grope slowly and painfully in the labyrinth into which they have been plunged at the outset. It is not to be expected that the committees will report a law without themselves knowing what it is, and if the subject is permitted to retain its present form, the public must expect weeks instead of days to elapse before this important business is accomplished.

It is easy, of course, to understand the leading changes which are proposed, and to say what their effect will be; but this alone does not meet the demands of the public, nor does it, apparently, satisfy the committees. The duties and responsibilities of the various departments, in the complex system of government which appears essential to this City, should be so distinctly defined that they can be comprehended at least by those who are to be charged with them; and we cannot hope that such will be the case unless the law is entirely recast. Prof. DWIGHT did no more than his duty to the public when before the committees, in calling attention to the vagueness of the law as it would be left in many respects by the adoption of the proposed amendments; and the experience of a week has been sufficient to prove that he did not criticise without cause. The obvious way out of the dilemma into which the Committees on Cities have fallen, therefore, is to prepare a new charter instead of attempting to mend the old one. This can be easily done by taking the amendments proposed by the Republican Committee, and joining with them such provisions of the present law as it is proper to leave in force, so that the charter can be found in a single act, instead of being scattered through the legislation of several years. By adopting this method, we shall not only get the needed changes much sooner, but we are much more certain to obtain a charter under which we shall be sure to have a government administered in the interest of Reform.

The New Pillory.

One of the genial contrivances by which our ancestors sought to intensify, if not the disgrace of wrong-doing, at least the humiliation of being found out, was the pillory. In HAWTHORNE'S *Scarlet Letter* is a vivid picture of the suffering inflicted by the degradation on a nature having any claim to refinement. In some of the remoter regions of the country, where that kindred antiquity, the whipping-post, is still fondly regarded as a necessary bulwark of society, the pillory continues to hold forth its terrors to the unscrupulous lover of alien fruit, and to haunt the uneasy dreams of the impenitent chicken-thief. But, generally speaking, modern civilization has discovered that law and order may be upheld without its intervention, and the stocks have been banished to the limbo of other venerable tortures.

Here in New-York, however, there seems to be a strong disposition to bring them back. And, if we may judge from the current of public taste, they are to be applied not as formerly to the correction of comparatively trifling offenses, but to make a part of the punishment of the gravest crimes. In the Tombs are now lying two convicted murderers under sentence of death. Ever since their conviction, that imposing Egyptian edifice has been besieged, it is said, by a never-ceasing stream of visitors, demanding to see these two convicts, to whom most of them are utter strangers, and whom they come to wound with their curiosity or to insult with their unasked-for sympathy. Many of these persons, we are told, are women, not always either, in appearance at least, of that degraded class to which their action would naturally refer them. Pleasure-parties, it is even said, are made up for the purpose, and ladies and gentlemen come driving down daily from the fashionable quarters of the town to the new entertainment, as they might go to a matinée or to the skating-pond, or to the ball. Presently, no doubt, we shall have picnic inside condemned corridor, and, perhaps, a little later, a select German every now and then in murderers' row.

Probably all this is a trifle exaggerated. We hope it is. But if the fashion of the hour is clearly and unmistakably setting in the direction of making a show of our murderers, of turning the City Prison, as an indignant keeper pithily expressed it, into a menagerie, why should these worthy sight-seers be put to so much trouble? Centre-street is not a very pleasant neighborhood, and the Tombs itself is far from being as agreeable a resort as the Academy of Music. Why not, rather, have each murderer awaiting execution, taken at a certain hour daily through the principal streets of the City, inclosed in an iron cage and accompanied by a brass band? Or better, perhaps, keep him on exhibition in some suitable public room, charging an appropriate fee for admission, (ladies and children half price,) the proceeds to be devoted to erecting a monument to his memory, or relieving the necessities of his afflicted lawyers?

Seriously speaking, if the accounts which reach us of this matter are true, it is a crying scandal and disgrace. Whatever a man's crimes, his last hours on earth should be sacred from vulgar and heartless intrusion. The brief respite usually accorded between sentence and execution is given to afford the criminal time to make proper preparation for his end, not to gratify an impertinent and indecent curiosity. There is something not only revolting, but, to every man of right feeling, positively awful, in the cynical frivolity which thus stares and giggles and junkets in the very presence of death. And if, on the other hand, these demonstrations are inspired by a morbid sympathy with the criminal, or an unhealthy admiration of his crime, their effect is hardly less repulsive or hurtful to public morality. The taking of human life, even legally and for just cause, is a very solemn business; to make it an occasion either for pastime or for sickly sentimentalizing is shameful and inhuman.

Rheumatism.

One of the statements most worthy of attention in the recent report on disease in New-York in 1872 is that relating to rheumatism. This troublesome, and, in many cases, terribly painful malady has, we are told, "been steadily increasing within the past five years." No one of ordinary observation will be disposed to question the accuracy of this statement. The frequency and severity of the various forms of this complaint are subjects of common remark, not only by physicians, but among the community in general.

The actual state of things in regard to this malady is entirely the opposite of what would have been naturally expected. Of all diseases to which the human frame is liable, rheumatism, it would be supposed, was among the most likely to diminish with the advance of wealth and improvement in the comforts of living. That in this era of "Arctic shoes," water-proof coats, furnace-heated houses, and "drawing-room" cars, people should suffer more from this complaint than in the days of thoroughly-soaked boots, clothes wet to the skin, a cold draught toward the open fireplace every time a door was opened, and post-coaches, of which the imperfectly-fastened curtains let in the air exactly where it was not wanted, is exceedingly strange. If the increase were merely among the needy and destitute, it would not be so remarkable. But this is evidently not the case. On the contrary, the increasing prevalence of the disease appears to be quite as remarkable among the wealthy, and those in comfortable circumstances, as among the poor.

Rheumatism has never been a very fatal disease. At the same time, there are few maladies that create so much suffering. The number of deaths from it last year, in this City, was only 153, being less than one two hundredth part of the whole mortality. But the aggregate of physical pain caused by it, especially in its more severe forms, is exceedingly great. Any one who has ever been much with an individual having what is generally known as "inflammatory" rheumatism, and, still more, any one who has had it himself, will have no hesitation in assenting very decidedly to this remark. The word "agony" is the only single word in the English language that at all adequately indicates the degree of pain often experienced by the patient.

A very singular feature of the report, in reference to this disease, is the disproportion in the number of deaths of the two sexes—sixty-two males and ninety females. When we remember how much more men are out of doors than women, this disproportion will appear still more remarkable. If the number had been fifty per cent. more males than females, instead of nearly that difference the other way, we should have said it was perfectly natural and easily accounted for. Men are out of doors on an average fully three times as much as women, and in stormy weather at least ten times as much. That the sex which furnishes all the omnibus drivers, postmen, and, with few exceptions, all other persons engaged in employments which compel them to be in the open air several hours a day, in every kind of weather, should be less subject than the other to a disorder, of which one of the distinguishing characteristics is generally considered to be its liability to be contracted from exposure to the elements, is a fact which is not without its useful lessons. It certainly does not speak very highly in favor of staying closely in the house as a preventive of disease.

Rheumatism was formerly looked upon as peculiarly a malady of persons advanced in life. Whatever may have been the case in former years, there is little ground for such an idea now. The disease, in all its forms, attacks, in these days, not only old people, but persons of middle age, young men and women, and even little children. Its increase among children is such as to give reason for no slight alarm. It would be a most terrible thing if parents, in addition to other forms of suffering which they see their children endure, should frequently be obliged to witness the pain occasioned by this disease, especially in its severe and aggravated forms. We need not say anything to recommend the increasing prevalance of this malady to the earnest attention of medical men. It is a subject the importance of which is fully recognized by the profession, though, unhappily, the efforts made to check the evil appear at present not to meet with at all an encouraging degree of success.

The Aldermen.

Last [illegible] the Board of Aldermen reported in favor of having the Commissioner of Public Works directed to stop the supply of gas to all private lamps maintained at the public expense. An Alderman jumped to his feet, and moved an amendment to the effect that there be an exception in the case of churches. Trifling as this opposition was, it served to procure a postponement; and when the board met again, a heated discussion ensued, which resulted in having the report of the committee "laid aside." Another meeting has since been held, but as the lamp subject was not referred to thereat, we presume that there is a disposition to let it drop. A good deal of opposition to the report was looked for from persons who have for years been enjoying the luxury of free lamps, but no one supposed that the new Board of Aldermen would be willing to listen to arguments coming from such a source. We have before suggested that a compromise might be made in regard to churches, by giving sextons control of the lighting, with the understanding that the gas was only to be used when absolutely required. This course would seem to be satisfactory to the church authorities, inasmuch that there has not been a single protest against it. Private lamps cost the tax-payers upward of $70,000 last year. A great many of them are placed in front of house, the proprietors of which would never think of incurring the cost of lighting, if the bills had to be paid out of their own pockets. In "the good old times," when distinguished citizens were disposed to serve the public without salary, the custom of providing private lamps may be said to have originated. The Aldermen conferred privileges of this nature as marks of respect. There was no grumbling on the part of the tax-payers, for they knew that the services of those who received such distinctions were of great value. A considerable number of lamps supplied in this way remain down to the present time, although the men intended to be honored by them have long since passed away.

Considering the circumstances, cases of this nature would, perhaps, not be so objectionable if the City could afford it. The lamp privileges that have been given through the solicitation of notoriously corrupt politicians are those that are chiefly aimed at. No honest excuse can be offered in favor of requiring the City to supply gas to six lamps, each having from four to five jets. The Tammany Hall building is so provided. Leaving the churches out of the question altogether, there is plenty of room for reform in connection with this abuse. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the Aldermen will not waste any more time in higgling over it. A saving of seventy thousand, or even fifty thousand dollars a year, would be of the utmost importance at any time, but it is particularly so just now, when the reasons for retrenchment are so obvious.

Claims of Loyal Citizens.

Two classes of claims for property destroyed or taken in war, belonging to loyal citizens, are now before Congress. One class includes the claims of loyal citizens resident in the insurrectionary States. Of these we do not now propose to speak. They are very extended, the principles governing them are obscure, and the practical difficulties in the way of recognizing and settling them are enormous. The second class, however, can be more readily discussed. They embrace the claims of loyal citizens, residing in the States *not* declared in insurrection, for property taken for public use, or destroyed to prevent its being of use to the enemy. These claims, though not nearly so extensive as the others, are said to amount to several hundred millions of dollars. It is also reported that a considerable number and amount of them are in the hands of persons not the original claimants, and there are, of course, a great many sources of embarrassment and uncertainty in the treatment of the question.

Hon. H. BOARDMAN SMITH, of this State, has made a report on the subject from the Committee on Claims. The report is accompanied by a bill contemplating the payment of the claims, and stating at length the principles of law on which such payment is required. The provisions of the bill are substantially as follows: The claimants must be citizens of States not declared in insurrection; they must themselves have been loyal during the war; the property for which compensation is claimed must have been situated in States not declared in insurrection; no other provision than that made by this bill must have been made for payment for such property; the property must have been taken by competent authority of the United States for public use, within the meaning of the fifth article of the amendments of the Constitution of the United States. The article referred to is as follows: "Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." The proposed act fixes the interpretation of this clause. It provides that property shall be deemed to have been taken for public use only when taken by right of eminent domain, and that property shall not be deemed to have been so taken when its taking was occasioned by some instant necessity, such as would excuse a private citizen in taking another's property. Mr. SMITH, in his report, cites extensively from various cases, and from the authorities on public law, to illustrate the distinction between property taken by right of eminent domain, and property taken or destroyed under the pressure of immediate necessity. Thus, grain cut down to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy would be taken for public use by the right of eminent domain; but grain trampled under foot by troops on the march would fall under the other head. Property taken for the erection of a fort would be taken under the first head; property destroyed in capturing a fort falls under the second. This is a distinction which the ordinary citizen cannot be expected to follow in detail; but the illustration will show that Mr. SMITH has undertaken in his bill to limit the responsibility of the Government as closely as can be done with justice. Other provisions of the bill have the same object. The measure of damages is fixed at the "value of the property in its exposed condition." All claims are forever barred unless presented to the Court of Claims within two years from the passage of the act. The court is not allowed final jurisdiction except in cases where an express contract, with competent authority of the Government of the United States, is averred and proven. In all other cases the decisions of the court are to be reported to Congress.

The bill is a very important one. It is not to be denied that it has a solid basis of justice in the cases to which it is limited. It may very well be, nevertheless, that there are insurmountable practical difficulties in the way of doing justice in these cases. The bill ought to be carefully considered and thoroughly discussed—a condition which it is doubtful if Congress can fulfill in the short remnant of the present session.

MINOR TOPICS.

Our cable dispatches show London behaving worse under a snow-storm than even New-York, and make one think of our belated cars and plunging omnibuses with a feeling akin to pride. Six inches of snow served to stop the cabs and omnibuses yesterday, to cause travel to be almost entirely suspended, and to shut up the metropolis generally. The same dispatch describes drifts in the north of England "several feet deep." The reporter ought to be treated to a glimpse of some of the banks which Superintendent THORNE has had to deal with.

A fine instance of the care which public officials take of the convenience, or even safety, of citizens is to be seen in Fulton-street, at the intersection of one of the cross streets near the ferry. A large stone, intended to cover the sewer-hole at the corner, is thrown down at the side of the pavement; it is some six feet in diameter, and the top is a foot or more above the pavement. There is nothing to warn drivers from it, and it looks at a little distance like a low bank of snow freshly shoveled from the roof. Last evening several horses were driven upon it, scratching their legs badly, and in one case nearly overturning a light wagon. It is a clear case of stupid negligence, and for any damages arising from it the City would be responsible.

Chicago, we believe, was the proud possessor of a Judge who sanctioned a female practitioner at the bar. Judge BLODGETT, of the United States Court of that district, has now confirmed a still more important right of the sex. It is the right of a woman to form a legal business partnership with any one, though it be her own husband. He believes that right to be a part of the general right to make contracts in her own name. The world, in Illinois, at least, is therefore getting rid of one more arbitrary fiction of the law.

According to recent news, "an official census" reveals the fact that there are 369,000 slaves on the Island of Cuba. This shows a decrease of 101,000 since 1867, for which the progress of the rebellion will doubtless account. Taking the average cost of enfranchisement adopted in regard to Porto Rican slaves, there would be required $67,650,000 to free the slaves in Cuba. Considering that Spain is exceedingly unwilling to extend the Emancipation law to Cuba, that the Spaniards in Cuba are determined that it shall not be so extended, and that the sum is a very large one for either the mother country or the colony to raise, we need hardly be surprised if it takes a good deal of threatening to get Cuba dealt with in the same way as Porto Rico.

In 1840, M. THIERS, alarmed at what he deemed the bellicose character of Lord PALMERSTON'S foreign policy, and perhaps attaching undue importance to the influence then exerted by that Minister in the British Cabinet, caused great additions to be made to the fortifications about Mont Valerien, and an officer of Engineers, by name NIEL, was deputed to carry out this work. Years went by, and the apprehensions proved so groundless that Lord PALMERSTON, visiting Paris, was carried by his host, M. THIERS, to see, among other sights, these very fortifications. There they found the same officer who had made them. "I am indeed proud, gentlemen," he said with a smile, "to have the pleasure of exhibiting my work to the two men who undoubtedly caused it." M. THIERS, at all events, has lived to see that, as Mr. *Toodles* prophesied of the coffin he purchased, he was right in thinking "it would come in useful some day," though not against the foe first feared.

A case of some interest, bearing upon the power of the chief magistrate of a city to violate an ordinance sanctioned by himself, was lately decided at Detroit, Mich. Mayor MOFFAT, of that city, some time since twice tore down a "small-pox sign" from the house of a neighbor, and when called upon for an explanation declared that he had acted in this manner in order to protect the public health—a number of small boys having repeatedly collected in the vicinity of the sign, and made wagers which devolved upon the winners the necessity of visiting the infected house. The Police Commissioners were induced by the Common Council to prosecute, and the Recorder, before whom the matter came, has decreed payment of a fine of $200. Whether the Mayor will obey, or appeal to a higher court, has not been stated.

It would have considerably enhanced the interest attaching to that golden list which we lately republished from the London *Spectator*, had the writer appended to each name a brief notice of how the money was made. Since the roll of millionaires we quoted appeared, three additions to it have lately been made. Sir CHARLES MILLS, whose personalty was sworn under $3,500,000, derived his wealth from the banking-house of GLYN, MILLS & Co., which rose with the growth of railroad extension, being the depository of the majority of the great railroad companies' accounts. Sir CHARLES, the soul of prudence, married Miss COX, daughter of the head of a firm who are agents—which means bankers as well—of nearly every regiment in the British service. It was a saying of this commercial celebrity, that, in the long run, no investment paid him like the three per cents. Mr. THOMAS DENT, whose personalty was sworn under $2,500,000, was son of what is called in the North of England a "statesman;" that is, a substantial yeoman, farming his own land. His family had for many

AMUSEMENTS.

Drama.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES.

Mr. W. J. Florence appears this evening in "The Ticket-of-Leave-Man" at Booth's Theatre. The part is one with which Mr. FLORENCE is well-nigh identified, and the excellence of the gentleman's performance is, no doubt, remembered with sufficient distinctness not to need enumeration.... With Friday of the present week, the "run" of "Sam" at Wallack's will end.... Saturday, the final representation of "Alhambra" will occur at the Olympic Theatre. The latter house will be closed for a short time thereafter. In connection with rumors to this effect, we are advised that Mr. Alexander Henderson, who managed affairs at the Olympic during the absence of Mr. Samuel Colville, has been, [illegible] stricken by ill health, to abandon business; he will shortly depart for Europe. Mr. Colville, we are further told, has sold his interest in the Olympic to Mr. J. B. Haves, who will act as sole lessee and director, when the house reopens.... At the matinée entertainments at Wood's Museum this week Mr. J. M. Ward is to act in "Buffalo Bill." By night the sensational drama of "Kit" is to remain the play, and Mr. F. S. Chanfrau is to shine as the star.

Musical.

THE THOMAS SYMPHONY CONCERT.

Mr. Thomas' fourth symphony concert took place in presence of a very numerous audience, at Steinway Hall, on Saturday evening. The well-known sympathy and precision of delivery of the orchestra formed and directed by Mr. Thomas were as conspicuous as ever in the five pieces which made up the bill. The most important number for the band was SCHUMANN'S third symphony in E flat, of which the second and third movements are among the most beautiful of the composer's works. CHOPIN'S concerto in F minor, which constituted the second half of the first part of the entertainment, offered the soloist of the night her single opportunity to perform. After the thronged recital of the concerto enjoyed a fortnight previous at the Academy of Music, there was cause to be somewhat exacting in respect of its later interpretation. Had Miss Anna Mehlig, who was the pianist on Saturday, then been at her best, her effort might not have suffered by comparison; on the occasion we write of, however, her touch was devoid of its habitual clearness, and in the trilling passages, especially, there was a surprising lack of definition. That Miss MEHLIG'S conception of the whole piece was that of an artist of exceeding sensibility and culture was apparent, of course, and her appreciation of the exquisite second movement was plain, in spite of a—for her—defective rendering. She warmed to her task, it should be said, as its finale approached; and it is to be regretted that the third and last movement should not have been supplemented by a repetition of the first and second. The last half of the concert was occupied with BEETHOVEN'S vigorous "Coriolanus" overture; with LISZT'S symphonic poem of "Orpheus;" and with the prelude to WAGNER'S "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg." Mr. THOMAS arranges his programmes with much discretion, for WAGNER'S worst excesses are made aware, by preceding selections, how intelligible, melodious, and manifold, by comparison, is that which was called, a few years ago, the music of the future. The fifth symphony concert will be given on March 29, and RAFF'S very elaborate symphony, "Im Walde," will then be done. For the sixth concert, on April 26, BEETHOVEN'S Ninth Symphony is to be read, with the co-operation of the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Liederkranz Society gave the second concert of the present season at Liederkranz Hall, last night. An orchestral recital of BEETHOVEN'S eighth symphony opened the entertainment, and singing by Herr Spierel, who has a fine voice and very little skill in the use of it; and by Miss Antonia Henne; and a violoncello solo by Herr Bergner, followed. The principal performance of the evening was that of MOZART'S "Requiem" mass, with Herr Graf, Frau Unger, and the artists above-mentioned, as the soloists. The rendering was thoroughly creditable to the choral forces of the Liederkranz and to the intelligent direction of Mr. Agricol Pont.... The second concert of the Onslow Quintet, with the assistance of Miss Maria Brainerd, soprano; Miss Anna Bulkley, alto; Mr. C. G. Bush, tenor, and Mr. A. Schaeffer, bass, may be attended at De Garmo Hall, corner of Fourteenth-street and Fifth-avenue, on Wednesday.

Miscellaneous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES.

Mr. J. M. Bailey's second reading at Association Hall is to be enjoyed this evening. The programme is a fresh one.... M. Faure-Nicolay, a well-known French prestidigitateur, gave a highly-entertaining performance at the Bijou Theatre, in Sixteenth-street, near Union-square, Saturday evening. The programme was divided into two parts, the first and second being devoted to the marvelous deeds expected from all modern workers in magic, and the third consisting of an exhibition of billiard-playing, in which some novel and astonishing feats were done. M. Faure-Nicolay is to repeat the entertainment to-night.

Croton Water.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Can anybody tell us what is the matter with the Croton water-works? Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink since Friday evening at 5 o'clock. For weeks we have borne with fortitude the failure of our usual supply on the second story. But when it comes to cessation of all cooking, and abstinence from drink, a crisis is at hand. We can omit our sponge bath, and content ourselves with a dry polish for a reasonable period. But if we don't have water to drink soon, we must rebel back on lager, or perish.

MURRAY HILL.
New-York, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1873.

WORKERS IN IRON

EMPLOYING

Description of the Leading Philadelphia Iron-Works—Interesting Facts and Figures.

From Our Special Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1873.

It is somewhat singular coincidence that the city of peace in the United States should have found their greatest development, so far as manufacture is concerned, in the old peace-loving Quaker City—among the descendants of William Penn and his followers, in the very city which will be forever glorified in history as the birth-place of American Independence. Four hundred millions of dollars a year! Four hundred millions of dollars a year! Tend to about the value of the product of the mills and factories of Philadelphia; and the greatest of these is iron—not, perhaps, so much in the mere money value of its product as in the fruitfulness amount of labor, ingenuity, marvelous machinery, and skill involved in the creation of that product. And as to money value. Iron manufacture in Philadelphia employs 30,000 persons, excluding the proprietors and their employes in the counting-houses, and is jotted down in the annual sum total of Philadelphia manufacture for the modest little item of some $200,000,000. To draw a pen-picture of so gigantic an array of works, foundries, rolling-mills, and forges as the great sum indicates, is impossible. I can only do the best I can under the circumstances. I feel rather like the youngster who has just returned from his first visit to the play, and has so much to tell his mother about what he has heard and what he has seen that he doesn't know where to begin. Well, I think I cannot do better than follow *Little Nell's* example, and give a running commentary on each foundry as it comes up before me, as well did of the collection of kings, queens, glory-covered generals, and celebrated murderers whose effigies composed the telling portion of *Mrs. Jarley's* wax-works. I will take them in the order I made their acquaintance, but I must again remind you that I only write of a few of the leading establishments. As they say in racing circles, I have barred the Baldwin Locomotive Works out of this race. They are of such overshadowing magnitude that I have thought it better to give them a "walk over," and devote an especial letter to them. The growth of an establishment which turns out ten large locomotive engines every week is too big a subject for a mere quarter of a column paragraph.

I shall, then, call these great iron-masters to the front, one by one, as Robert Dale Owen or Charles Foster would call up units: First, Messrs. A. Whitney & Sons, the proprietors of the great car-wheel works on Callow Hill, and who afford an excellent sample of the enterprising spirit of the manufacturing Philadelphian of the day. I wonder if the millions of railroad travelers in this much-traveling land ever study or even honor with a glance, the wheels which are to carry them to their journey's end; and a sound, well-made car-wheel is just as important to them, mind you, as are steel rails, careful engineers, and switchmen who have no somniferous tendencies. "Taking the average all round," said Mr. Whitney to me, the other day, "a good car-wheel will travel 150,000 miles before it wears out." But, my friendly fellow-passenger, suppose that the car-wheel should not be a good one, where would you be? Fortunately for you, Mr. Whitney is not only always making good wheels, but he is ever scheming, contriving, and experimenting as to how he can make better wheels. His private office contains a cabinet of the results of his experiments, and very interesting they are. It is a proven fact that car-wheels must be made from charcoal iron. It is also a proven fact that car-wheels must be made of chilled iron. The great thing, then, is to make wheels from charcoal iron, mixed with some metal which will assist the great bulk of the material used in receiving the chill. To discover this secret has been the aim and end of all Mr. Whitney's experiments. Some four or five years ago Mr. Hamilton arrived at the conclusion that steel was the powerful talisman, and, in 1868, he took out a patent for his process. Mr. Hamilton's process was undoubtedly a great and most successful innovation; but Mr. Whitney continued his experiments and, at last, discovered that by using wrought iron instead of steel he could produce an increased effect at a greatly reduced cost. The increase of effect was not so great as the decrease of cost. No sooner had Mr. Hamilton's process been developed (and that, too, under Mr. Whitney's fostering auspices,) than it became apparent that the supply of scrap steel was totally inadequate to the demand, and to buy ingots of steel for the purpose was far too expensive and extravagant. It did not and could not pay. The great thing was to mix a decarbonized metal with the charcoal pig-iron, and there was just the thing in wrought iron. The proportion of carbon are greater in the pig-iron than steel, greater in steel than in wrought iron. Mr. Whitney then made experiments as to the chilling and tensile properties of different combinations, with the following results: The soft casting from the charcoal pig-iron stood a tensile test, under hydraulic pressure, of 15,000 pounds. The same iron, mixed with twenty per cent. of steel, stood a tensile test of 12,000 pounds; and, again, when mixed with twenty per cent. of wrought-iron, it stood a tensile test of 30,000 pounds. The soft casting took a slight chill. When mixed with the steel or the wrought-iron, it took a deep chill of three-quarters of an inch. This was evident in all the numerous specimens which were shown to me. The problem was solved by the mere economy of wrought-iron over steel, the slightly-increased tensile power being of comparatively little consequence, and for this important discovery Mr. Whitney took out a patent in July last. But further experiments demonstrated the fact that a combination was still better; and Mr. Whitney and Mr. Hamilton have joined interests, and have formed a very lucrative stock company for the licensing of their joint patents—Mr. Whitney's firm, as car-wheel makers, paying large royalties, as do many other car-wheel makers, into the coffers of the stock company of which he is one of the leading proprietors. Mr. Whitney, too, has discovered that a small proportion of anthracite iron is an advisable mixture; and he now thinks the best components of car-wheel iron to be, eighty parts charcoal iron, ten parts anthracite iron, and ten parts Bessemer steel or wrought-iron, or five parts Bessemer steel and five parts wrought-iron. An addition of five to ten per cent. of Bessemer steel or wrought-iron to the charcoal pig-iron adds twenty to thirty per cent. to the strength of the car-wheel, and consequently twenty to thirty per cent. insurance to passengers arising from the breakings of wheels. Mr. Whitney's works are most extensive, employing 200 men and casting sixty tons of metal a day. In that awful storm to which Santa Claus treated us at Christmas time, the corrugated iron roof of a large portion of the building was torn off; but a new roof is rapidly being put on. The business wholly consists in the making of car-wheels and in fitting about one-half of them on their axles. The axles are not made in the works, but are bought as they are wanted from other foundries. The process of driving the axles through the bored hub of the wheels by hydraulic pressure is very interesting to witness, but would require too much space for description. These works turn out about 250 wheels a day—say 70,000 a year; and Mr. Whitney, of the car-wheel works, pays to Mr. Whitney, of the stock company owning the patents I speak of, fifty cents on every wheel. What a pleasant thing it would be to hold that patent!

The machine tool works of William Sellers & Co., on Hamilton-street, are the largest and most important of the kind in this country. The manufacture of the most costly machinery, such as iron planers, lathes, drills, punches, slotting machines, rivet-drivers, the most intricate tools known to workers in metal, the heaviest and the lightest, are made there on a wholesale principle which is astounding. In the three immense shops are all the parts of the different sizes of the different machines—not in single examples, but any number of them. Mr. Sellers prides himself on being able to supply his orders at the moment they are given. "What is the use," he says, "of keeping a man waiting several months, while you are making him a plane or a lathe?" But by keeping this large stock of all the parts of the tools, great loss and inconvenience is avoided to the manufacturer in case of accident to his machinery. Every part of every machine has its number; so if a wheel, or a cog, or anything snaps, all the manufacturer has to do is to telegraph to Mr. Sellers, and a duplicate is received as quickly as the express company can deliver it. Thus the great business of the firm is not in manufacturing to order, but in manufacturing wholesale, and making sales from stock. Mr. Sellers owns the patent right in the United States for making the celebrated Gifford injectors for supplying steam-boilers with water, an immense stock of which of all sizes is always kept on hand, from the heavier castings to the smallest pieces of brass work. The same with shafting, of which the firm make a specialty. A mill-owner can walk in and buy straight off all the shafting he wants at so much a foot, instead of by weight, and the hangers, couplings, and pulleys at so much each, on a fixed scale of prices. It is very much the same case as with the great retail ready-made clothing-stores of New-York, which boast that they can fit any sized man or boy with any shape or make of garment known to the tailoring world. The foundries and sheds are of the most extensive character, the entire works covering six and a half acres of ground, and that in the heart of this big city. The machinery in use is of the most costly description: powerful fifty-ton cranes sweep the area of the shops and foundry devoted to very heavy castings, while smaller ones are in use in all directions. In the machine shops the shafting and belting is a perfect maze, and the most marvelous thing about the works is that they are not engaged in the production of machines for purely manufacturing purposes, but in making machines which shall be used for that purpose by others. The machine tools made by Mr. Sellers every year are of the value of about $1,500,000. William B. Bement & Co., of Callow Hill, are his great competitors, though, of course, not with the Gifford injectors. Their business is almost on as great a scale, amounting to over $1,000,000 a year. The same precision and excellence of workmanship is the guiding spirit of this firm; the same determination that all machine-tools leaving their shops shall be unsurpassable, not only for what they are supposed to do, but for what they will do and for their manner of doing it. It would almost seem, from a tour through these two great works, that invention had pretty well reached its limits in iron-working tools.

In a far-distant part of the city—on Girard-avenue, near the Delaware River—is the large Liebhardt & McDowell stove-foundry, reputed to be the largest in the United States. The main building, consisting of several floors, is 655 by 300 feet. Its predecessor, in which the business was begun thirty years ago, out on the Germantown road, was only some sixty feet long. So large has the business now become that every little hole and corner of space in this large building is occupied. The pattern-rooms contain a marvelous collection, for between 400 and 500 different patterns of stoves, heaters, and ranges are made at this foundry. Among the leading patterns are the Victor stoves and ranges, Globe and Favorite ranges, and Monarch cooking-stoves and ranges. The foundry has a capacity for turning out 120,000 stoves a year. Sheppard & Co., on Fourth and Brook streets, employ about seventy molders in the stove and hollow-ware business. The American Stove Company, at Second and Mifflin streets, employ about the same number of molders, but have facilities for making a still greater number of stoves if they choose. Broad & Wheeler do not make so many stoves, but they make an immense amount of heavy tinned and enameled hollow-ware. Chas. Noble & Co., of Brown-street, employ about fifty molders; and Cox & Whiteman about forty. Then there are Stewart & Patterson, and some smaller firms, whose aggregate production is very large. Stoves occupy a prominent position among the leading iron manufactures of Philadelphia.

Crossing the bridge over Gunner's Creek, in the direction of the Delaware River, one comes to the heavy-casting foundry of Isaac P. Morris & Co., known as the Port Richmond Iron Works. From this foundry castings of the largest dimensions are turned out. Those immense blowing machines and cylinders for blast furnaces form a large feature in the business. I saw a cylinder in the erecting shop, to-day, with a diameter of 88 inches. Not far from it lay a crank for a steam-ship of 3,000 tons burden. It weighed 15 tons—the steel pin connecting the iron bearings alone weighing 5 tons. Then, again, there were massive engine beams and cylinder beds of 15 or 20 tons weight. The molding shop for these heavy castings is a most fascinating place in which to spend an hour or two. Excavations are made and regular buildings of brick and mortar are put up before the molder begins his work. He introduces his pattern, and pounds in the sand, and when he removes the pattern, he gives dainty touches to the sand with his pins and trowels, with all the care and delicacy of an artist giving the finishing touches to the ideal head which he fondly hopes is going to make him a name and reputation at the next Academy exhibition. Some of these molds for large and intricate castings occupy days of preparation before they are ready to receive the molten metal, and then the carefully-built brick structure has to be broken up to release the casting. Isaac P. Morris & Co. make all Mr. Bullock's celebrated printing presses. There are two, nearly in a state of completion, now in the erecting shop, which are destined to aid in disseminating the news of the world to the citizens of Chicago. The firm is also doing all the heavy casting work for the engines of the four magnificent ocean steamers which Messrs. Cramp & Sons are building for the new line which is to run between Philadelphia and Liverpool. In fact, as a gentleman engaged in another branch of the iron business remarked to me, "if any one wants a big casting he goes to Isaac P. Morris & Co." The business of this firm amounts to about $800,000 a year.

Not far from the Port Richmond foundry is the great ship-building yard of Cramp & Sons. It is in this yard that the four splendid steamers alluded to above are being, or—I might almost say—have been built; for all the heavy work of construction is done. Two of the steamers—the Pennsylvania and Ohio—are already launched. The Indiana is nearly ready for launching, and the last of the iron plates are now being riveted on to the massive sides of the Illinois. The Pennsylvania will be ready for her first voyage about the beginning of April, and it is proposed to complete the others at intervals of about two months. They are four sister ships, built exactly alike, and of the same tonnage and horse-power—3,000 tons and 1,000 horse power. They are four as fine iron steamers as any of their size now afloat on the Atlantic; and Philadelphia seems quite as proud of the fact that they have been built in one of her own ship-yards, as she is of the enterprise of her merchants in establishing the line of steamships for which they are intended. They are covered with plates varying from eleven sixteenths to seven-eighths of an inch in thickness, and yet the rivet holes in these massive plates are punched as easily as though they were composed of leather instead of iron, and with great rapidity. The straightening and bending of the plates, according to the part of the vessel on which it is intended they shall be placed, is done by passing them through enormously heavy rollers, one of the rollers being displaced when bending has to be done, so as to make the plate take the desired curve. The contract price of these four vessels is $4,000,000. During the war Cramp & Sons built vessels for the Government. The Ironsides was built by them. Just now the monitor Manhattan is undergoing repairs in one of their docks. The firm, also, do general ship-building. Their yards are literally alive with workmen, their pay-roll showing that they have 1,500 hands in their employ. Their business last year amounted to $3,000,000. It is encouraging to know that at least one large American ship-building yard is thriving and prosperous. About half a mile from this yard is the ship-building yard of Nafie & Levy, at the foot of Palmer-street. In addition to making tug-boats and small craft, the firm make marine engines and boilers on a large scale. They employ 300 or 400 men, and do a business of $700,000 or $800,000 a year.

The Philadelphia Rolling (Mills of S. Robins & Son are on Beach-street. These mills have eighteen puddling and five heating furnaces, and are solely occupied in the making of merchant bar and barrel iron. They give employment to 250 men, and turn out about 9,000 tons of finished iron in a year. Mr. Robins is at present putting a blast furnace adjacent to his rolling-mill, with the intention of making his own pig-iron. He also intends to mine his own ore. This will be the pioneer blast furnace of Philadelphia, the iron manufacturers here, many of whom are largely interested in iron and coal mines, and blast furnaces, having always concluded hitherto that they could make pig-iron cheaper in the more immediate neighborhood of the mines. But Mr. Robins is a practical, shrewd man, and probably knows his own interests better than any one else. He laughs at the evil prognostications of his neighbors. His furnace will be in full blast in about three months' time. Messrs. Verrie and Mitchell have a large rolling-mill on Delaware-avenue. They make from 5,000 to 6,000 tons of bar-iron a year, principally from scrap and old rails. They do not, therefore, have any puddling to do. Rowland & Co., of Delaware-avenue, make about 9,000 tons of finished iron. They have also a steel mill, and are putting up another small bar-rolling-mill. Marshall, Phillips & Co., of Beach-street, roll bar and sheet iron. They have also large galvanizing works on Girard-avenue. The rolling-mill of Patterson & Hughes, on Beach-street, has only been running about a year. Their product is about 4,000 tons of merchant bar-iron.

In the southern portion of the city are two very important iron works—the Southwark Iron Works, owned by H. G. Morris, and the Pascal Iron Works, owned by Morris, Tasker & Co. The Southwark Works are principally engaged in the manufacture of sugar-extracting and sugar-refining machinery, though they also turn out a large quantity of gas-making machinery, marine engines, and general machinery. The works were formerly owned by Merrick & Co., but Mr. Morris bought them out a few years ago, when he retired from the firm of Morris, Tasker & Co. During the war they went into the manufacture of iron plates for war vessels and monitors, and supplied the plates which were used by Cramp & Sons in building the Ironsides. Their foundries and machine-shops are among the largest in Philadelphia, and some of their heavy castings are marvels in their way. In the way of sugar machinery they stand pre-eminent for making the celebrated centrifugal extractors, the firm paying the patentee about $10,000 in the shape of royalties every three months, and yet this ambitious gentleman thinks his royalty—$200 for each machine—is far too small. The great customers of the firm are the sugar growers of Cuba, with whom they have established a business which bids fair to become almost a monopoly. The floors upon floors of patterns in their establishment are something surprising. What they would sell for is one thing; but they cannot have cost, in the aggregate, less than $1,000,000. Patterns are the heavily-weighted clog of iron manufacture. The number of skilled draughtsmen and highly-paid mechanics whose employment they necessitate is one of the most costly elements in carrying on large iron-works. They have to be designed and made with the utmost nicety and exactness, or they are valueless. And so soon as a new idea or an improvement is inaugurated, they are of about the same value as the discarded wooden leg of a man of low stature would be to a stalwart giant of over six feet who might stand in need of an artificial prop for his heavy body. Mr. Morris employs 800 men in his foundries and machine-shops; and taking in all the different branches of iron work carried on in his works, his annual sales cannot amount to less than $1,500,000.

Morris & Tasker are one of those firms whose works almost rival the gigantic works of the Baldwin Locomotive Company. Their business consists in the manufacture of boiler tubes, gas-pipes, oil-well tubes, gas retorts, and general gas-making machinery. They make every size of boiler-tube, from 1 to 8½ inches in diameter; and in the mill for this department alone they have no less than nineteen heating-furnaces. The tubes are made from strips of strong sheet-iron, the edges of which are turned over and lap-welded (overlapping) together, so as to form a circular tube. These tubes, after being heated in the furnaces, are drawn through heavy rollers over a solid round bar of iron, the edges, by this means, being as solidly welded together as though the tube had been cast in a mold. Gas-piping is what is termed "butt-welded;" that is the edges are welded against and into one another, without any overlapping. The boiler-tubes and gas-pipes are proved by hydraulic pressure, with a pressure of from 300 to 500 pounds to the square inch, according to size. The oil-well tubes, which often have to be driven 1,200 feet below the surface, require a much severer test, and they are submitted to a pressure of 1,200 pounds to the square inch. While in the boiler-tube mill, I inquired as to the daily product of tubing. "About ten miles a day. Just about enough to reach from here to Liverpool—3,500 miles—in one year," was the reply. But the gas-machinery department is equally important, and judging from what I saw, I should think that Mr. Tasker could furnish all the gas companies in the world with a new rig at any moment. Why, these works cover nearly three entire blocks. The number of men to whom they give employment is 1,600. No one will be surprised to learn that the business of Morris, Tasker & Co. ranges in the neighborhood of $5,000,000 a year, or even over that sum. It is one of the two mammoth establishments of which Philadelphia is so justly proud. The Baldwin Locomotive-works and the Pascal Iron-works are jewels resplendent as the Kohinoor in the richly-gemmed crown of the goddess of American manufacture.

Another of Philadelphia's *pièces de resistance* is the way of manufacture is the vast steel saw factory of Henry Disston & Sons, at Laurel and Front streets. Forty years ago Mr. Disston, then a lad of fourteen years of age, arrived in this country, from England. Two days after his arrival here his father died, leaving him and his sister in a state of destitution—orphans in a strange land. He apprenticed himself to a saw-maker, and, after experiencing many struggles and vicissitudes of fortune, he succeeded in establishing a small saw-factory of his own, with so little means and in such an humble way that it is recorded that he wheeled his coals himself from the wharf to the factory—a small cellar in Arch-street. From that small beginning has grown up the business of the Keystone Saw, Tool, Steel and File Works, which cover an area of eight acres of ground. Here are manufactured every saw with an unintelligible name, from the common carpenter's saw to those alarming looking circular-saws, which, when set in motion, are lost to sight from the rapidity of their revolution. Two things seem to me to contribute to the world-wide celebrity of Mr. Disston's saws. First, the fact that he perhaps knows more about the minute and practical details of their mechanical structure and manufacture than any man in his establishment; that he is always in his shops, superintending, instructing, and ordering, and allows nothing to escape his watchful eye; secondly, that all the steel ingots consumed in the manufacture of his saws are made in his own crucibles on a patented process which has been perfected by his vast experience. These two facts, I think, fully explain the surprising announcement that, in order to fill his orders from all parts of the United States, indeed, from all parts of the world, he has to send out at least five tons of finished saws a day. Now, saws are not heavy tools, and yet, many an owner of a rolling mill thinks he is getting along well if he turns out five tons of rails or rimmed iron a day—iron which takes very little labor, while the labor expended on saws, and the numberless processes—rolling, cutting, grinding, teething, hardening, tempering, polishing, &c.—which they go through, is endless. For cross-cut saws there are as many patterns of teeth as there are styles of ladies dress and bonnets. They seem to be arranged just in the very way which would lead the uninitiated observer to suppose would be the way of all others to render them useless. But lumber men know to the contrary. Mr. Disston has published for private circulation among wood-sawyers a small book which is a marvel in its way. It treats of the scientific manufacture of saws, of the reason why a bad sawyer cannot work, and always swears at a good saw; defines, on geometrical grounds, the necessity of all saw teeth being regulated from the periphery of the saw, and proves the definition by a collection of geometrical diagrams worthy to stand side by side with the diagrams illustrative of the problems of Euclid. Indeed, the book makes one stand quite in awe of Mr. Disston's scientific knowledge with regard to saws. The teeth of all cross-cut and circular saws are cut one at a time by powerful machinery, and are then filed and set; the teeth of small saws are cut without the guiding hand of the operative by an ingenious, automatically-working machine. The saw is passed over a plate, and, as it is drawn along, it passes a small but very rapidly-revolving wheel with a small steel cutter inserted in it. This cutter strikes the edge of the saw as the wheel revolves, and cuts out the teeth with lightning rapidity. At every revolution it cuts a tooth, and how quickly the teething is got through may be judged of from the fact that the wheel revolves 1,500 times in a minute. To attempt to give any even cursory description of the numerous processes a saw goes through before it reaches the sales-room is out of the question in the limited space afforded in the columns of a newspaper. They are all most interesting, and make one wonder how saws can ever be made for the prices at which they are sold. I suppose it is the quantity that pays. Mr. Disston and his sons have 900 hands employed in their factory. The value of the saws they annually manufacture is fully $1,500,000.

I think that I have, in this letter, given some few facts with regard to the manufacture of iron in Philadelphia, which will cause some of the readers of the TIMES to open their eyes in astonishment, though, in so limited a space, I feel that I have been unable to do anything like full justice to the theme. Twenty thousand men (which means 100,000 of the city's population) gain a substantial livelihood in these vast iron-works; and from all I can learn, the manufacturers themselves have no cause to complain that a highly remunerative fragment out of the business sum of their $50,000,000 gross annual sales, does not remain in their pockets as net profit.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Tax on Mortgages—Five Reasons Why it Should be Repealed.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

1. It is contrary to sound policy. Because it operates as a restraint upon the free use of capital in the development of our landed interests, and in the employment of all kinds of labor connected with the erection of buildings and the production of the materials necessary for their construction.

2. It is unjust. Because it discriminates in favor of four classes of mortgagees, who are not taxed, viz., the savings banks, the life insurance companies, the non-resident mortgagees, and the mortgagees who are enabled to offset their mortgages by their indebtedness, as against the fifth class, who are taxed, i. e., the remaining resident mortgagees. It imposes double taxation—the mortgages being taxed with the land, and also being taxed in the hands of the holders. It also imposes three or four fold more taxes on the holder of the mortgages than it does on the land-holder, for the reason that the aggregate valuation of the lands for taxation is not more than one-quarter their actual value, while the mortgages are rated at their full value.

3. It is oppressive. Because it bears heavily upon the holders of unproductive land, overburdened by taxes and assessments, while it prevents them from obtaining loans of the needed capital to render their lands productive.

4. It is unwise. Because it drives capital out of the State. It compels the borrower to resort to contrivances to obtain capital which are violations of the spirit and intent of the laws, and thus it tends to bring the laws into contempt. It encourages and nurtures a class of usurers and extortioners, and diverts capital from sound and useful employment to the fields of speculation and stock gambling.

5. It is out of harmony with the spirit of the age, a reproach to a free government, and the continuation of the tax is due mainly to ignorance, to prejudice, and to the machinations of the few seeking, who make gain by the burdens it imposes upon the needy, the thrifty, and the enterprising. J. W. P.

Books for the Prisoners at Sing Sing.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In reply to a communication in yesterday's TIMES, permit me to say that the Prison Association will willingly receive and forward to the State Prison at Sing Sing, all books which charitable persons may be pleased to give to the library of that institution, in response to Mr. Hubbel's appeal published a few days ago in your columns.

Any family or person may forward their contributions to this office, or if notice is given a messenger will be sent for the packages.

A. W. SHELDON, General Agent.

PRISON ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, No. 19 CENTRE-STREET. (NEAR CHAMBERS,) NEW-YORK, Thursday, Jan. 30, 1873.

Jurymen.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the new trial of "Tweed" would it not be more satisfactory to the people, and would not justice be more likely to triumph, if the jury were selected from heavy property-owners, instead of taking them from a class of people who do not pay one dollar of tax, and care not what becomes of the people's money, as they are entirely disinterested parties. One of the last jury was, some time ago, "Tweed's" father's hired man.

Can you not put this suggestion before the prosecution that they may see to it that the right kind of men compose the next jury.

Respectfully, &c., TAXPAYER.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1873.

A Forger's Opinion of Boston Detectives.

From the Boston Herald, Jan. 30.

During the trial of Spence Pettis, the alleged forger, a statement came out which reflects somewhat upon the honesty of some of the Boston detectives. Mr. E. C. Cooper, the gentleman who negotiated with Pettis for the return of the stolen bonds, at one interview was told by Pettis that the Boston officers were hard to trade with, as they always wanted the lion's share of the "swag." To illustrate his meaning, Pettis told him of a case. Some seven or eight years ago he came on to Boston and beat a bank out of $2,400, and returned to New-York. Several Boston detectives came on after him, when they were induced to settle, but would not take less than $1,800, leaving him but $600 after doing all the work. This he considered a meanness, as the New-York "cops" would be satisfied with half. The Bostonians, after making this rake, went home and reported that the man was not to be found, or that Pettis was not the one. The names were not given, but there was a smile on the court-room when the statement was made, and a general "thinking" of who was hit by the allusion.

Mishaps of a Persevering Young Woman.

From the Titusville (Penn.) Herald, Jan. 30.

A charming young lady of eighteen Summers, named Carrie L., of Warren, paid a visit to this city a short time since, and, on Saturday afternoon last, she went to the depot of the Warren and Venango Road, intending to return home, but arrived just in time to see the train disappearing round the curve. Bent upon reaching Warren that night, she started out along the track with the view of walking the entire distance. At 7 o'clock in the evening she arrived at Newton, which is twelve miles from the city, and upon reaching the middle of the trestle-work at this point, she saw the night train approaching; to go on or recede, or stop to one side was impossible, so she jumped down into the chasm twenty feet below. Fortunately the ground was covered with a snow-drift, into which she sank up to her arm-pits, thus breaking her fall and saving her life. She did not scream or cry for help, or anything of that sort, but quietly dug herself out, and after half an hour's work regained the track and resumed her journey. Two or three miles further on a still more serious obstacle presented itself—the track was under water as far as the eye could reach. Upon looking round she discovered a light in the woods, and concluded that it must be a house. This proved to be the case, and the hospitable family, after hearing her story, took her in and did every thing in their power to comfort her. The next morning she took the train from Newton for Warren, and arrived there in time for dinner.

FREAKS OF ELECTRICITY.

Influence on Telegraph Wires in the West During the Recent Storm.

Mr. C. H. Simmons, Electrician of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has furnished the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* the following account of the electrical phenomena which attended the great storm of Jan. 7th and 8th:

The recent storm which passed over the West and North-west was accompanied by some very peculiar electrical phenomena, rarely seen east of the great prairies leading to the Rocky Mountains. This phenomena may be called an electrical storm in contradistinction to the auroral or magnetic storms—the former being confined to a comparatively small space, beyond which the state of the electricity in the atmosphere remains unchanged, while the latter manifests itself over whole continents simultaneously, while evolving lines by the action of magnetic forces. The area in which this electrical display was confined was plainly marked, having Minnesota for its north boundary, Southern Iowa for the south, Detroit for the east, and Omaha for the west limit. It was first noticed on the telegraph wires in Central Iowa on the afternoon of Jan. 7, at 2:25 P. M. The lines leading west were rendered useless for the transmission of messages, owing to an incessant discharge of electricity, increasing in intensity until it would leap from one strap of the switch board to another, across the intervening space, and then in a luminous stream to the ground plate of the lightning arrester. At times the whole brass work of the switch board would appear as a mass of flame, illuminating the office with a blinding glare. The excellent arrangement with which every office is provided for discharging the lightning from the iron during the frequent thunder-storms of the Western plains proved adequate for the discharge in this case, although in intensity and volume much greater than ever before witnessed. For several hours previous, and for some time after the cessation of these electrical discharges, a south-west wind was blowing at a speed of thirty-five miles per hour, accompanied by light snow, with the thermometer at five degrees. At 6¾ P. M. the electrical storm reached the Mississippi River, travelling eastward, producing similar effects to those noted in Central Iowa. At about 9½ P. M. light discharges from the Western wires were observed in the Chicago office, but it was evident that these came from a distance, and that the storm had not yet reached far east of the Mississippi. These continued at intervals during the night of the 7th and until the evening of the 8th, when the discharges became more rapid and of exceedingly high tension. When the batteries were taken off and both ends of the wire left open, the force of an individual standing upon the floor was presented in proximity to the wire an immediate discharge took place in the form of a spark, and when a number joined hands and insulated themselves from the floor a spark could be drawn from any of them by any one standing on the floor. It was now evident that the storm had reached this locality, and it was ascertained that it had entirely ceased west of the Mississippi river. Observation disclosed the fact that with two or three exceptions the effect was confined to wires running almost due east and west, the exception being on wires running due north from Chicago, on which but little interference was noticed.

Another singular fact observed was, on some routes where a number of wires occupied the same poles one wire alone was highly charged and so affected that to work it was an impossibility, while all the others were entirely free from any external influence. In some cases the wire occupying the top of the pole would apparently receive the whole charge; in other cases the bottom wire would receive it, and still in others the charge seemed to be divided equally between all the wires. In the Chicago office the effect was similar to that observed in Iowa, and every observation confirmed the opinion that the centre line of the storm was due east from Des Moines, Iowa, to Detroit, Mich., narrowing in its limits north and south as it approached the latter place, where it arrived on the evening of the 8th inst., and rapidly subsided. A bigo wind, varying from twenty-eight to twenty-five miles per hour, with the mercury at 10 degrees below as first noted, accompanied the electrical storm from its inception in the West until it had passed Chicago, where the weather was clear and bright, but the wind still blowing a gale. This display was observed by a large number of operators and practical telegraph men, and all accord in saying that its effects were entirely different from those experienced during the ordinary auroral storms with which they are familiar.

At the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains a similar phenomenon has been frequently witnessed upon a wire running north and south, but rarely on an east or west wire. As a high wind always prevails when the effect is experienced, many telegraph experts have attributed it to the friction of the wind, but this theory does not appear tenable, from the fact that we so frequently have the wind without the electric charge. That the electricity evolved by various processes accumulates in the atmosphere, and varies in condition and intensity, is universally admitted, and that it is stronger in Winter than in Summer has been abundantly proved. Sir Wm. Teomson has shown, by experiments with the electrometer, that during a wind the air is charged very intensely positive. Now, upon the theory that the earth is charged negative to the atmosphere, there must be a point at the surface of the earth where discharge occurs or neutralization takes place. At points where the relative humidity of the air is very great, this is doubtless ever silently going on; but during seasons of intense cold, when the air is necessarily dry, the combination is evidently rendered more difficult, and the tension thereby greatly augmented. If, under these circumstances, good connections, such as telegraph wires, are interposed, they would certainly assist in carrying a good part of the atmospheric charge to a point where the electrical tension was far less.

What the electrical condition of the telegraph wires on the same poles were, to render one more susceptible of this inductive influence than another, is difficult to determine. Or why wires running in other than east and west directions should not have been similarly affected is a problem we shall call on our meteorological friends to assist in solving. It is a fact, however, that their resistance and insulation, as measured and adopted as a standard of excellence in propagating the electrical current of the ordinary voltaic battery, did not assist in the least in forming a theory. Should a recurrent storm pass over this line, it is hoped that more accurate and systematic observations will be made and a possible solution result.

Sick Children and the Poor—Report of a Visitor of the Children's Aid Society.

A visitor of the Children's Aid Society has made the following report: Called on a family residing at No. 171 Mulberry-street. This family consists of father, mother, and seven children. The father has been sick for nearly a year; was formerly janitor for the Board of Education. The eldest daughter, the only member of the family capable of earning anything, has been out of employment several months. When the visitor called they were without coal or bread. The husband lay sick on his bed; mother had gone out to look for work, while, in the meantime, the neighbors in the house had taken in the little ones to keep them warm. They were temporarily supplied with coal and groceries; four of the children were taken into the Fourteenth Ward Industrial School, where they received some articles of clothing. The health of the father has since improved, the charity first bestowed has been duplicated, the daughter has got work, and hope for the future beams on the family.

The children at No. 202 West Sixteenth-street, heretofore referred to, whose mother recently died, have, through the agency of the Sixteenth Ward Industrial School and other friends, been thus far kept together. The family consists of father and seven children; the eldest is seven years and the youngest one year. They have frequently been without fuel, and on short allowance for food. The father expects as soon as the frost yields to get work, and be able to support his family without the aid of charity.

In the rear of No. 239 West Nineteenth-street, found a family in very destitute circumstances. Children attend the Sixteenth Ward School. The mother is confined to her room by rheumatism. Husband dead. Coal and groceries have been given them.

In the rear of No. 221 Third-street, a poor German family was found without bread or fuel. Husband is sick, and mother can get no work. To add to their misfortunes, two of their children have recently died. Aid has been rendered them, besides the Avenue C School gives them daily a loaf of bread.

In the rear of No. 57 Avenue B resides a German family. The husband, a wood-carver by trade, can get no work. Went to Philadelphia in search of employment, but unsuccessful, and returned penniless. No income. In addition to his wife and two children, an aged mother lay in one corner of the room, apparently in the last stages of consumption. The wife expected soon to be sick, and then who should take care of grandmother was their chief worry. Two dollars' worth of provisions, with an orange and some little delicacies for the grandmother, was sent in to them.

The widow heretofore referred to, residing then at No. 60 Watt-street, who was the recipient of a little charity through the agency of the Children's Aid Society, has removed to pleasanter quarters on the Third-avenue. She has been enabled to get a few things out of pawn, so that she can go out as nurse. Her son has the promise of work in a few days, and she hopes that brighter days are dawning.

On the top floor of house No. 61 West Washington-place lives a widow and three children, Americans. Son is out of work, and the only income the mother has is $1 a week, which she gets for a limited amount of work furnished by a benevolent society of ladies connected with Calvary Church. Two of her children are in the Cottage-place School. Aid was given.

The family residing at No. 101 Tenth-avenue, whose children attend the Sixteenth Ward School, have been kept together during the winter. The father, a painter by trade, expects work again in March. This family was literally out-of-doors when their case came to the attention of the Children's Aid Society. They have been encouraged along, though their place is one of the most poverty-stricken, uncomfortable-looking ones, perhaps, in this City. In their room is neither chair, table or bedstead, and they were destitute of a stove even, until the Children's Aid Society gave them one. Last week, the son—a lad of sixteen—obtained work, and they hope to be better off when the time of the singing of birds has come.

Fire Dangers—Carelessness in Handling Gasoline.

On recommendation of the Special Committee on Gas-machines and Inflammables, the New-York Board of Fire Underwriters have issued the following instructions to insurance agents and underwriters:

No building can be insured unless the vault or house where gas is manufactured be at least twenty-five feet distant therefrom.

Stop-cocks must be placed on both the gas and air pipes near the machine in the vault, and also on the gas-pipe near the place where it enters the building, and on the air-pipe near the air-pump, when the pump is in the cellar or building.

The vent-pipe and filling-pipe must be so arranged that one cannot be opened without opening both.

All the main gas-pipes leading to the premises lighted should have an inclination toward the gas-machine, so as to return all the condensation that may take place in the pipes.

The premises to be lighted should be securely piped, and the pipes thoroughly tested by competent persons before the gas is let on, and so put up as to avoid, as much as possible, all accumulation of any condensation that may occur inside the building lighted.

Particular inquiries must be made as to the knowledge or competency of the persons who are to have charge of filling the machine, that they are sufficiently posted as to the importance of having the vent open, and the air-pump shut off while filling the machine with fluid. And the great danger of using a light in or near the gas-house or vault.

No barrels containing gasoline or other fluid, or from which gasoline has recently been emptied, (yet full of vapor,) should be allowed to be kept in any cellar, barn, shed, or outbuilding where other property is kept, or where there is a liability to use a fire or light.

It is asserted in the report that gas-machines are put up usually in the country by persons little familiar with the use and introduction of gas, or by men of little or no responsibility or character, who, intent only in their efforts to sell machines, are reckless of the life and property they endanger by their unscrupulous operations. These men make machines of poor material, and in the cheapest possible way, and by false representations, and in selling and putting up their apparatus in the cellars of dwellings, they greatly endanger the lives and property of the occupants.

The New-Hampshire Election—Nominations of Both Parties.

Both parties in New-Hampshire have now completed their nominations for State officers and members of Congress. The election takes place on Tuesday, March 11. The Democratic nominees for Congress are the present members. The nominations are as follows:

	Republican.	Democratic.
Governor	Ezekiel A. Straw.	Jas. A. Watson.
Railroad Com'r.	Edward P. Hosadon.	Henry Colony.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Dist.	Republican.	Democratic.
First	William B. Small.	Ellery A. Hibbard.
Second	Austin F. Pike.	Samuel N. Bell.
Third	Simon G. Griffin.	Hosea W. Parker.

The Prohibitionists have also made nominations, as follows:

For Governor—Dr. John Blackmar.

Railroad Commissioner—Asa Kendall.

Congressmen—First District, A. G. Comings; Second District, J. M. Fletcher; Third District, A. C. Hardy.

A Man Who Never Fills Out His Term.

The Chicago *Evening Journal* relates the following of the present Governor of Illinois: "No sooner did Gen. John L. Beveridge return from the war, in which he was a gallant cavalry

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

23 lots fronting on Broadway, Feb. 1, Hugh N. Camp, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of G. Irving Whitehead, Esq., referee, sold the business premises known as No. 137 Duane-street, fourth side, between Church-street and West Broadway, embracing a lot, 25 by 75, with a new three story and attic brick and iron-front building thereon, covering same, for $34,100, the purchaser being Hugh N. G. Dunn. The property was twice sold, at the first sale bringing $26,100, the purchaser being Mary I. Drew, a second mortgagee and a defendant to the suit brought. The buyer, however, failing to comply with the terms of sale in paying the ten per cent in cash, required, a resale was made. Considerable dissatisfaction regarding the result of the transaction was shown by the parties in interest, it being alleged that some agreement had been entered into with the referee, which was not carried out, but as to the real merits of the controversy we know nothing, except that the property is worth more than it brought. The only other business transacted was a short sale, details concerning which are duly noted above.

LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS.

The sales consummated last week were more numerous than usual, auctioneers being held on each day, but in the aggregate quite a large amount of property was disposed of, the total value so sold for the week ending with Saturday, Feb. 1, making the sum of $630,350, as against $606,100, the figures for the week preceding, ending with Saturday, Jan. 25. The most important auction held was that in charge of Moller, Wilkins & Co., on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at which improved realty belonging to the estate of Joel Post, deceased, was sold. The property comprised two buildings and plot of land located at the junction of Exchange-place, Hanover and Beaver streets, known as the Post Building, which sold for $217,000; two stores on Pearl-street, one store on Maiden-lane, a lot on Cherry-street, and other buildings and lots on Monroe-street. The sale realized the sum of $630,135, a little from the probable sales made, business generally has been quite active, and the market closed on Saturday with a very good feeling. There is plenty considerable inquiry for property to rent, and as active season in this respect is anticipated. The sales to take place this week are important, for several of them are of such a character as to test the market, and the result is therefore looked for with interest.

SALES PROPOSED THIS WEEK.

During the present week, at the Exchange, unless other wise stated, the following auctions will be held, at which real estate as described will be offered for sale by the auctioneers respectively named.

To-day, Monday, Feb. 3.

By Jas. R. Ludlow & Co., foreclosure sale by order of Supreme Court, Charles A. Peabody, Esq., referee, of a three and four story brick tenement house, with two-story brick rear buildings, and lots on East One Hundred and Third-street, north side, 50 feet 10 inches east of Third-avenue; lots each about 17.6 by 75.11.

By Wm. H. Miller, foreclosure sale by order of Supreme Court, Charles A. Jackson, Esq., referee, of a three and four story brick tenement house, with two-story brick rear buildings, and lot on the south-easterly corner of St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-first-street, running thence southeasterly 20 feet 9 inches in front on the avenue, and 75 feet 11 inches in depth on the northeasterly line of said One Hundred and Twenty-first-street; lot about 20.9 by 75.11.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale by order of Supreme Court, Frank Rudd, Esq., referee, of two new four-story and basement brick houses and lots, Nos. 1,947 and 1,949 Third-avenue, east side, 141.6 feet south of One Hundred and Eighth-street. Lots each 16 feet 17.6 by 100.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure sale by order of Supreme Court, M. T. Brennan, Esq., referee, of three lots on Broadway, north-east corner of Fifty-fifth-street; a plot having a front on Broadway of 75.8 by 84.1 by 82.3 by 112.8. Also, one lot on West Fifty-fifth-street, north side, 98.3 feet east of Broadway, adjoining above on rear, 18 size 25 by 84.8 by 25 by 82.8.

Wednesday, Feb. 5.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., partition sale, by order of Supreme Court, Richard C. Fellows, Esq., referee, of the following valuable City Real Estate: Lot on the ground on the north-east corner of Madison-avenue and Ninety-sixth-street, having a front on the avenue of 100.8 feet and a depth of 102.2 feet. Plot of ground opposite, on the north-west corner of Madison-avenue and 97 inety-fifth-street, having front on avenue of 100.8 feet, and on street of 11.1 feet. House and lot on Broadway, between 29 East Broadway and Market streets, lot 24.1½x25.10, and house and lot No. 60 East Broadway, between same streets; lot 25.1 x about 99 feet.

By James A. Miller, foreclosure sale by order of Supreme Court, Wm. H. Leonard, Esq., referee, of two houses and lots on East Fifty-seventh-street, south side, 218 feet east of Lexington-avenue; lots each 16 by 100.5. Also, one two story and attic house and lot on the south-west corner of Hudson and Jane streets; lot 19 by 55.

By Sheriff, at City Hall, legal sale of interest in the heirs of Jacob Lorillard, in the West Forty-second-street, north side, 445 feet west of Fifth-avenue; lot 18.9 by 98.9. Also, an interest in a house and lot on East Seventy-eighth-street, north side, 287.2 feet east of Fourth-avenue; lot 16.8 by 102.2.

Thursday, Feb. 6.

By Moller, Wilkins & Co., public auction sale, by order of owner, of the three-story brown-stone house and lot, No. 111 East Sixty-fifth-street, north side, between Fourth and Lexington avenues, lot 20 by ½ block. House 25 feet deep. Also, the following extensive list of choice, well-seven unimproved property, located as above; St. Nicholas-avenue, One Hundred and Twenty-first-street and One Hundred and Twenty-first-street; a plot containing about eleven lots, situate on the south-easterly corner of St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-first-street, being 154 feet 7 inches in front on the avenue, and 230 feet on One Hundred and Twenty-first-street; also, two lots on north side of One Hundred and Twenty-first-street, adjoining the rear of the One Hundred and Twenty-first-street lots. These lots will be sold together. Eighth and New Avenues and One Hundred and Fourteenth-street, fifteen full lots, comprising the entire block on the north side of One Hundred and Fourteenth-street, between the Eighth and New avenues; Eighth-avenue, three lots on south-east corner of One Hundred and Eleventh-street, full; Eighth-avenue, one lot north-east corner of One Hundred and Eleventh-street, full; Ninth-avenue and Two Hundred and Eighth-street, eight lots on north-west corner of Ninth-avenue and Two Hundred and Eighth-street, being four on the avenue and four adjoining on the street, all full; Tenth-avenue, one lot north-west corner of Ninety-second-street, full; Ninety-ninth-street, two lots south side, 250 feet east of Fifth-avenue, full; Ninety-ninth-street, one lot south side, 250 feet west of Eighth-avenue, full; Ninety-ninth-street, one lot north side, 250 feet west of Eighth-avenue; One Hundred and Fourth-street, four lots, north side, between Fifth and Madison avenues, and three lots, south side, 250 feet east of Fifth-avenue; One Hundred and ninth-street, one lot, south side, 170 feet east of Fifth-avenue, full; One Hundred and Twenty-third-street, four lots, south side, 175 feet west of Seventh-avenue Boulevard; One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, eleven lots, [illegible] and Manhattan-avenue; One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, one lot on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, 100 feet west of Third

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Wednesday, Feb. 19, Minnesota, Saturday, March 8.

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CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Thursday, Feb. 13, 8 A. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Thursday, Feb. 20, 11 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 P. M.

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NEVADA, Capt. Forsyth.....Feb. 19, at 10 A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. Price.....Feb. 26, at 3 P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. Morgan.....March 5, at 10½ A. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. P. Freeman, March 12, at 2 P. M.

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MONTGOMERY, Capt. FAIRCLOTH, SATURDAY, Feb. 8, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 63 West-st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, Feb. 8, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
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COMMENCING NOV. 21, 1872.

Passenger Station in New-York, Grand Central Depot. Entrance on 42d-st.

TRAINS LEAVE NEW-YORK.

For New-Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, &c., 6:30 A. M.; 12:23 (Ex.,) 3:08 (Ex.,) 3:55, 4:35, 5:30, 8:08 (Ex.,) and 9:10 (Ex.) P. M.

For Bridgeport, 7:08, 8:08 (Ex.,) 9:08, 11:33 A. M., 12:23 (Ex.,) 3:08 (Ex.,) 3:55, 4:35, 5:30, 8:08 (Ex.,) and 9:10 (Ex.) P. M.

For Milford and Stratford, 7:08, 11:33 A. M.; 3:55, 4:35, and 5:30 P. M.

For Fairfield, Southport, and Westport, 7:08, 9:08, 11:33 A. M.; 3:55, 4:35, and 5:30 P. M.

For South Norwalk, 7:08, 8:08 (Ex.,) 9:08, 11:33 A. M.; 12:23 (Ex.,) 3:08 (Ex.,) 3:55, 4:35 (Ex.,) 5:30, 6:38, 8:08 (Ex.,) and 9:10 (Ex.) P. M.

For Darien, 7:08, 9:08, 11:33 A. M.; 3:55, 4:35, 5:30, and 6:38 P. M.

For Stamford, 7:08, 8:08 (Ex.,) 9:08, 10:08, 11:33 A. M.; 12:23 (Ex.,) 3:08 (Ex.,) 3:55, 4:35 (Ex.,) 4:53, 5:30, 6:03, 6:38, 7:23, 8:08 (Ex.,) stopping at New-Rochelle and Port Chester, and 9:10 (Ex.) P. M., stopping at Mount Vernon, Harlem, and Rye.

For Greenwich and intermediate stations, 7:08, 9:08, 10:08, 11:33 A. M.; 2:23, 3:55, 4:53, 5:30, 6:03, 6:38, 7:23 P. M.

Sunday mail-train leaves Grand Central Depot, 42d-st., New-York, at 7:36 P. M., for Boston, via Springfield line, stopping at New-Rochelle, Port Chester, Stamford, South Norwalk, and Bridgeport, and at 9:10 P. M., for Boston, via Shore Line, stopping at Mount Vernon, Mamaroneck, and Rye.

CONNECTING TRAINS.

For Boston, via Springfield, 8:08 A. M.; 3:08 and 8:08 P. M.

For Boston, via Shore Line, 12:23, 9:10 P. M.

For Hartford and Springfield, 8:08 A. M.; 12:23, 3:08, and 8:08 P. M.

For Newport, R. I., 8:08 A. M.

For Connecticut River Railroad, 8:08 A. M., 12:23 P. M. to Greenfield; 3:08 P. M. to Montreal and White Mountains.

For Hartford, Providence, and Fishkill Railroad, 8:08 A. M.; 12:23 P. M.

For Shore Line Railway, at 8:08 A. M. to Norwich and Kingston; 12:23, 3:08 to New-London and Norwich, and 9:10 P. M. Boston Ex.

For Connecticut Valley Railroad, 8:08 A. M. and 3:08 P. M.

For New-Haven and Northampton Railroad, 8:08 A. M.; 3:08 P. M. to Northampton and Williamsburg.

For New-Haven, Middletown, and Willimantic Railroad, 8:08 A. M. and 3:08 P. M.

For Housatonic Railroad, 8:08 A. M. and 3:08 P. M.

For Naugatuck Railroad, 8:08 A. M., 3:08 P. M., and 4:38 P. M. to Waterbury.

For Danbury and Norwalk Railroad, 7:08, 8:08, and 9:08 A. M.; 12:23 and 4:38 P. M.

For Shepaug Valley Railroad, via Danbury and Norwalk R. R., 8:08 A. M. and 4:38 P. M.

For New-Canaan Railroad, 8:08 A. M.; 12:23, 4:38, and 6:38 P. M.

Commodious sleeping-cars attached to 8:08 and 9:10 P. M. trains, and also to Sunday Mail trains on either line. Drawing-room cars attached to the 8:08 A. M., 12:23, and 3:08 P. M. trains.

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Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West, and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 5, 7, and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5, 7, 8:30 P. M.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the south at 9 A. M., 1, 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 8, 9, 9:30 A. M., 12:20, 1, 4, 5, 8, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5, 8:30, and 9 P. M.

For Philadelphia, via Kensington, at 7 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Emigrant and second class, 7:15 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8:10, 9, 10, 11, 11:40 A. M., 12, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:20, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 9, 10, 11:30, 12 P. M. Sunday, 5:30, 6, 8:10, 9 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 8:10, 9, 10, 11, 11:40 A. M., 12 M., 12:20, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:20, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:30, 6:30, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30, 12 P. M. Sunday, 5:30, 6, 8:10, 9 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 8, 10, 9:30, and 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:20, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:30 and 6 P. M.

For Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 3:40, 4:30, and 5:30 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3, 4:10, 5:30, 6, 8, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 8 and 9 P. M.

For East Millstone, 7 A. M., 12 M., 4:10 and 5:20 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Philipsburg and Belvidere, 2 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Beedentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3, 3:40, 4, and 6 P. M.

For Freehold, 7, 8 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Jamesburg, Pemberton, Camden, 6 A. M., 3:40 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 1:03 P. M., daily; 10:14 A. M. and 6:34 P. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:40 A. M., 4:54, 10:12 P. M.; Sunday 6:40 A. M. From Philadelphia, 5:21, 6:50, 10:14, 11:54, 11:54 A. M., 2:14, 3:34, 6:04, 8:45 P. M.; Sunday, 5:21, 6:50, 11:54 A. M.

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10.30 A. M., Special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

10.45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

3.40 P. M., Special Express for Albany and Troy.

4.00 P. M., Special express, with sleeping-cars from New-York to St. Albans.

6.00 P. M., Express daily, with sleeping-cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.

8.00 P. M., Pacific Express, with sleeping-cars for Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls; also, for Chicago via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads. This train runs on Sundays.

11.00 P. M., Express, with sleeping-cars for Troy and Albany.

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RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK RIDGEFIELD RAILWAY.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT, taking effect Dec. 2, 1872.

Trains leave foot Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts. as follows:

For New-Durham and Maywood—7, 9:10, 10:50 A. M.; 1, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, and 11:30 P. M.

For Hackensack, Paterson, Hawthorne, Midland Park, and Wyckoff—7, 9:10, 10:50 A. M.; 1, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, and 11:30 P. M.

For Ridgefield Park, Bogota, Rochelle, Dundee Lake, Passaic, Garfield and Riverside—7, 10:50 A. M.; 1, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 11:30 P. M.

For Newark, Compton, and Montclair Junction—7, 9:10, 10:50 A. M.; 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 P. M.

For Campgaw, Darlington, Bloomingdale, and West Bloomingdale—7, 9:10, 10:50 A. M.; 4:30, 5:30 P. M.

For Smith Mills, Charlotteburg, Stockholm, Snuff-town, Ogdensburg, and Quarryville—7, 9:10 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.

For New-Roundland, Franklin, Hamburg, Deckertown, Unionville, West Town, Johnson, Slate Hill, Middletown, and Bloomingburg—7, 9:10 A. M.; 3:30, 4:30 P. M.

For Pine Bush, Huntsboro, Fallsburg, Monticello, Liberty Falls, and Ellenville—9:10 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.

Returning, leave Liberty Falls at 6:35 A. M., 1:35 P. M.; Ellenville, 7:42 A. M., 2:15 P. M.; Middletown, 8, 8:55 A. M., 3:37, 5:45 P. M.; West Bloomingdale, 7, 8:20 A. M., 2, 5:04 P. M.; Wortendyke, 6:25, 7:27, 8, 11:23 A. M., 2:27, 5:06, 6:36, 10:56 P. M.; Paterson, 7:43, 8:47, 7:55, 9:19, 11:38 A. M., 2:57, 4:24, 7:15, 11:12 P. M.

Arriving in New-York at 8:55, 8, 9:10, 10:20 A. M.; 12:50, 4:10, 5:40, 7:55, 9 P. M., and 12:50 A. M.

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FEMALES.

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CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—By a young Spanish girl, who speaks the language fluently; is very useful with children; can do plain sewing in a family; has no objections to be generally useful; will work for moderate wages in a private family; good City reference. Call at No. 138 West 11th-st., corner 6th-av.

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CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A SCOTCH Protestant girl as chamber-maid and seamstress, or would assist in washing; has the best of reference. Call at Employment and Insurance Office, No. 721 6th-av., Reservoir-square.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTable young Protestant girl as chamber-maid and waitress, or chamber-maid and assist with the washing and ironing; good City reference. Apply at No. 340 6th-av.

CHAMBER-MAID.—A LADY WISHES TO find a situation as chamber-maid and seamstress for a young person now leaving her, and whom she can warmly recommend. Call at No. 904 6th-av.; ring third bell.

COOK.—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE WOman, about thirty; highly recommended; five years in last place; lady to be seen; can do all kinds of family cooking in the neatest manner; or do the washing, or assist in washing and ironing. Call at No. 335 4th-av.

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COOK.—WILLING TO DO THE COARSE part of the washing; understands good substantial family cooking; is clean, neat about her work, and a good manager; City references from last employer. Apply at the Select Family Intelligence Office, 427 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts., up-stairs.

COOK.—FIRST-CLASS FAMILY COOK, WITH the best of City references; understands French, English, and American cooking thoroughly; no washing; wages $20. In charge of the Select Family Intelligence Office, No. 427 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts., up-stairs.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER IN a small family where two girls are kept; City only; understands her work thoroughly, and has City reference; home more than object. Apply at the Select Family Intelligence Office, No. 427 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts., up-stairs.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS first-class cook in a private family; understands both French and English cooking; boning and larding; has unexceptionable reference. Apply at No. 340 4th-av.

COOK.—BY A VERY NEAT YOUNG WOMAN who thoroughly understands her duties in every respect; has best City reference from last employer; will take a place in a boarding-house. Call at No. 138 West 11th-st., corner of 6th-av.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, AS FIRST-class cook; understands all kinds of French and English cooking, boning, larding, &c.; has three years' City reference from former place. Apply at No. 645 6th-av., between 37th and 38th sts.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK; UNderstands boning, larding, soups, meats, game, deserts, &c.; best of reference. Call at Employment and Insurance Office, No. 721 6th-av., Reservoir-square.

COOK.—AS COOK; WILLING TO ASSIST with the washing, if required; understands her business thoroughly; good City reference. Call or address No. 234 East 29th-st.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS PROTESTANT Swedish cook; thoroughly understands her duties as such; has good City references. Can be seen at No. 206 5th-av., French Office.

COOK.—BY A COMPETENT COOK, PERfectly capable to do all kinds of cooking; games, jellies, deserts of all kinds; best of testimonials. Call at No. 621 6th-av., first floor.

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HOUSE-WORK OR CHAMBER-WORK.—By a very neat, tidy young girl, who has best City recommendations from last employer; thoroughly understands her duties in every respect; has no objection to do generally useful in a family. Call at No. 138 West 11th-st., corner of 6th-av.

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HOUSE-WORK.—BY A PROTESTANT girl for general house-work; can furnish good references; no objection to the country. Can be seen until engaged at No. 260 6th-av., between 16th and 17th sts., first floor.

HOUSE-WORK.—IN COUNTRY OR CITY, by a Protestant woman, to do general housework; has been an excellent bread-maker, and washer and ironer; can furnish best references. Apply at No. 87 3d-av., corner 12th-st.

LADY'S COMPANION OR NURSE.—By a very neat, tidy, young girl; is a good seamstress in every respect; will assist with children if required; has best reference from last City employer. Call at No. 138 West 11th-st., corner 6th-av.

LADIES, YOU WILL FIND PLENTY OF American and German servants at No. 106 6th-av.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTant woman; excellent laundress; French fluting, box plaiting, polishing, and all ladies' and gentlemen's fine washing in the best manner; or as chamber-maid and laundress; country or City; best references. Call at No. 335 4th-av.

LAUNDRESS.—FIRST-CLASS; WAGES $20; unexceptionable references from leading City families. Ladies desiring an unapproachable blanchisseuse will send their orders to or call at the Select Family Intelligence Office, No. 427 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts., up-stairs.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A FIRST-CLASS LAUNdress; understands getting up fine things and ironing thoroughly; or would do the cooking and washing in a private family or boarding-house; best of City references. Call at No. 206 West 27th-st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A STRONG YOUNG woman who can iron, polish and puff in the best manner; will, if required, do some chamber-work; can give the best City reference. Inquire for S. G. at Odell's, No. 109 West 34th-st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A PROTESTANT LAUNdress, in a private family in country or City; would take the place of chamber-maid and waitress; good references. Apply at No. 87 3d-av., corner 12th-st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A FIRST-CLASS LAUNdress; has excellent City references; understands the management of a laundry. Call or address No. 405 5th-av., French Office.

LAUNDRESS.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN will take in washing to her house, or go out by the day; good reference. Call at No. 336 West 26th-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant girl, as laundress in a private family, or is willing to do the fine washing and assist with chamber-work; good City reference. Call for two days at 407 West 35th-st., one flight up, front room.

NURSE.—AN EFFICIENT INFANT'S nurse; genteel, tidy, capable of taking entire charge night and day; is highly recommended by her employer in the city. Prompt attention to orders or calls for this servant at the Select Family Intelligence Office, No. 427 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts., up-stairs.

NURSE.—PROTESTANT AMERICAN, young, neat, intelligent; willing to go to country and take care of one or two children not under 2 years; good references as to character and capability. Apply at the Select Family Intelligence Office, No. 427 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts., up-stairs.

NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG French woman to take care of growing children; seamstress and maid; is competent to teach French and needle work; has excellent City references. Apply or address No. 116 East 11th-st., between 3d and 4th avs.

NURSE.—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG woman as nurse for infants or growing children; has had considerable experience; can produce City references for character and ability that will bear the strictest investigation. Inquire for H. L., at Odell's, No. 109 West 34th-st.

NURSE.—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN OF a middle age as first-class nurse for infants or growing children; has unexceptionable references from the first families of this City; parties wishing the services of a really competent person, inquire for H. L., Odell's, No. 109 West 34th-st.

NURSE.—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN AS experienced infant's nurse; understands the care of an infant from birth; can bring it up on bottle; has best City reference from last place. Apply at No. 645 6th-av., near 39th-st.

NURSE.—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL AS nurse for children or invalids; can give references for either capacity; has the highest testimonials from first families. Call at Employment and Insurance Office, No. 721 6th-av., Reservoir-square.

NURSE.—AS WET NURSE, BY A RESPECTable young woman in a genteel family, just having lost her child. Apply or address Katerine, drug-store, No. 529 Grand-st., Williamsburg.

NURSE.—BY A NEAT YOUNG PROTESTant girl, who is a good nurse and a plain sewer; willing and obliging; can give good references. Call at 621 6th-av., French and German Employment Office.

NURSE.—BY AN ENGLISH NURSE AND plain seamstress; four months in New-York; can be seen at her present employers. Call or address No. 405 5th-av.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG AMERICAN GIRL, fourteen years old, to mind a baby and do light house-work. Call at No. 219 West 32d-st., rear

THE STATE LIBRARY.

A Glance at Its Early History and Subsequent Growth—Characteristic Features and Present Needs.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1873.

In the rear of the Capitol, and connected with it by a short corridor, is the unpretending building devoted to the State Library. Previous to 1854 the collection of books under this name had been kept in a room in the Capitol building itself; the annual increase in their number caused the Legislature in 1851 to make an appropriation for the erection of the present structure, adjoining the Capitol. As is generally the case with museum and library buildings, the original addition to the objects deposited in them calls for a corresponding enlargement of the accommodations; and the State Library now is found to be cramped and crowded by a building which in 1854 afforded the most ample accommodation for all the State had to deposit in it. The library was founded as long ago as, 1818, when the Legislature made an appropriation of $5,000 and an annual grant of $500 for the purchase of books. A board of trustees, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Chancellor, and Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court, was constituted, and they were directed to fit up a room in the Capitol. Chancellor Kent was treasurer of the board. The first report was issued by them in June, 1819, and was signed by De Witt Clinton. It stated that 600 volumes and nine maps had been purchased, at a cost of $3,617 20. The next year a little catalogue was printed, which contained the titles of 703 volumes, three atlases, and eleven maps, which then comprised the whole collection. In 1826 the Legislature increased the grant to the library to $1,200, and provided that an annual report should be furnished; and the first of these was issued the next year. From this time, down to the year 1844, the library continued to be managed by the State officers, and to increase with a very slow growth. The collection in the Law Department exhibited the healthiest signs of prosperity; but the lax administration of the officials, who had other than literary duties to attend to, and possibly not strong literary tastes, permitted the general library to fall into a weak and confused state. To remedy this, and to get that attention paid to the institution which it required, the Legislature in that year named constituted the regents of the University of the State of New-York a board of trustees for its management. These gentlemen went heartily to work. They took an inventory of the whole property, called in all missing books, of which there were 300 or 400; corrected the arrangement of the library, arranged and set it in order, and opened correspondence with the officials of other States of the Union, to procure, by exchange or purchase, collections of their laws, journals, and documents. In this way the foundation of what is now one of the most valuable reference libraries in the country was laid. The year following the inauguration of the new management—viz., 1846—a large and valuable collection of works relating to the early history of America was purchased. This was the collection of David Baillie Warden, an American gentleman residing in Paris. It contained 2,185 volumes, and a large number of atlases, maps, medals, and prints, and forms a special and interesting feature in the general library. To this have since been added large numbers of other works, and many valuable manuscripts relating to the early history of this continent. The papers of Sir Wm. Johnson, the well-known resident Indian agent for the British Government have all been collected, bound in twenty-two volumes, and deposited in the library. The period they relate to extends from 1738 to 1774, and the papers give the most interesting and valuable information in regard to the Indian affairs of the Mohawk Valley in the last century. Another valuable addition of the same character is a collection of the papers of George Clinton, first Governor of this State. These manuscripts make twenty-two bound volumes. They are rich in early colonial and State history, and in their present form are easily accessible to the student. The careful index which is added to the volumes enables the inquirer to find any particular letter or fact without difficulty. A part of this last collection, consisting of the Andre papers, have been removed from it, and for better preservation have been framed and covered with glass.

The characteristic features of the whole library may be thus stated: The absence of works of fiction; a valuable, and possibly unequaled, collection of books and manuscripts relating to colonial and early State history, particularly that of New-York; a complete collection of all works, official, and other, relating to the State, down to the latest issued; a fine gathering of bibliographical works and books on genealogy, the latter being almost weekly increased in number, and in constant demand for reference; an equally extensive collection of technical works, for which there is an active call, professional men of all trades requiring them for reference; lastly, a law library, containing nearly 24,000 volumes. Besides these, there are many fine works of art, among which may be mentioned Napoleon's *Egypt*, as it is generally called, being the costly and learned work on that country prepared by order of the first Napoleon; *Views of Herculaneum and Pompeii*, presented to the library by the King of Prussia; the works of the ancient Italian masters, presented by the Pope; Hogarth's works; Gilray's, and the Boydell *Shakespeare*.

The yearly appropriation made by the State for sustaining the library is only $4,000. This is quite inadequate for the purpose, and the officers of the library complain that they cannot keep it up to the standard on so small an appropriation. Only about $1,200 of this sum reaches the Librarian of the law department; this, it is represented, is scarcely sufficient to procure more than one-half of the great standard works on law which are issued. Still, with these disadvantages, the law library is gradually becoming one of the best in existence, under the careful selection and judicious investments of its superintendent. The room devoted to this department occupies the ground floor of the building, and is alcoved. Each alcove is furnished with a table and chairs, and the law students, lawyers, members of the Legislature, and others, may be seen here consulting, copying and studying the leather-bound tomes which load the shelves around them.

Large additions are yearly made to the library by the system of exchange. The State and national publications are exchanged for the public documents of other States, and for those of foreign Governments. The library has agents in Paris and London, who perform this work, and much of it is also done by our consuls. In this way the library has become rich in the official documents of foreign Governments, and especially so in those of the various States of the Union. The forthcoming report of the trustees, now in the hands of the printers, shows that at the close of the year 1872 the number of books in the library was as follows:

Whole number of books	88,080
In the general library	64,436
In the law library	23,514

The additions for the year 1872 were:

To the general library	1,679
To the law library	856
Total additions	2,535
Of these, there were acquired by purchase	1,263
By donation and exchange	1,272

The present library building will be removed when the new Capitol is completed. The collection of books, &c., will be placed in a large room in the east front of that structure, and this room it is the intention of the architects to make one of the best for library purposes in the world. It will be 226 feet long by 64 wide, and will be lighted by numerous windows, occupying the whole east front. These will command a view of the Hudson and the surrounding country, for miles in extent, and fitted up and enriched as this magnificent chamber will be, it is expected that no other in the Capitol building will be so popular as a place of resort for all classes.

PROBABLE MURDER.

A Young Ruffian Stabbed by One of His Companions.

At about 7½ o'clock last evening four young ruffians belonging to a gang of thieves and till-tappers, who infest the lower portion of the Eighteenth Ward and are the terror of the saloon and store keepers in that locality, entered a lager-beer saloon in Fourteenth-street, between First-avenue and Avenue A, with the intention of robbing the money drawer of its contents. Among the four were Patrick Cumiskey, aged sixteen; of No. 327 East Sixteenth-street, and Mathew Alpine, aged seventeen, of No. 173 Avenue B. The names of the other two have not yet been ascertained. The proprietor of the saloon became aware of their purpose after they had been but a few minutes in the saloon and drove them out of the place. When they reached the sidewalk, a quarrel occurred between the four youths, growing out of their non-success in accomplishing their designs. It is stated by the police that Cumiskey was the one selected by his companions to rob the till while they engaged the attention of the proprietor, and his awkward movements in endeavoring to sneak behind the bar in the place, had disclosed to the keeper of the saloon their intention. Cumiskey was abused for his awkwardness by his companions, who blamed him for the failure of their enterprise. An angry quarrel ensued and resulted in a general assault upon Cumiskey. During the fracas, Cumiskey was stabbed in the head with a pocket-knife by one of his companions, and it is believed was fatally wounded. The ruffians then fled, leaving their wounded companion insensible on the sidewalk, where he had fallen on being stabbed. Cumiskey was found soon after by some persons, who, recognizing him, took him to his home. A surgeon was summoned to attend him, and on examination found that the knife had been used with great force, so that the blade had passed through the skull and penetrated the brain. In the opinion of the surgeon the wound will prove fatal.

Finding that Cumiskey was in such a precarious condition, his friends notified Capt. Tynan, of the Eighteenth Precinct, of the occurrence. Detective La Rue and several other officers were sent out in search of the participants in the affray. At 10 o'clock, Detective La Rue returned, having in his custody Matthew Halpine, who was engaged in the fracas, and who is supposed to be the one who stabbed Cumiskey. Halpine admitted that he was present during the fight, but denies positively that he stabbed Cumiskey. He refused to divulge to the police the names of his companions. The officers are still in search of the ruffians, with a fair prospect of success. At a late hour last night, Cumiskey was in a precarious condition. He was unconscious, and there is scarcely a hope that he will survive.

Other Affrays.

At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning a fight occurred in Seventh-avenue near Thirty-fourth-street, between David Berryan, aged forty, of No. 365 Seventh-avenue, and Patrick Connors, of No. 155 West Twenty-eighth-street, during which Berryan was cut in the face with a pocket-knife by Connors and severely wounded. Berryan was sent to Bellevue Hospital and Connors was locked up.

During a fight last evening in the oyster saloon in Forth-avenue near Sixteenth-street, Samuel Hunter, of No. 361 West Seventeenth-street, was assaulted by James Armstrong, who stabbed him several times about the head with an oyster knife, wounding him seriously. Hunter was attended by Police-Surgeon Lordley and afterward taken to Bellevue Hospital. Armstrong fled from the saloon immediately after the stabbing and is still at large.

THE TWEED CASE.

A New Trial to Take Place at the Next Term.

An immense audience assembled in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, on Saturday, in expectation of further developments in the case of William M. Tweed. At 11 o'clock Judge Davis took his seat on the bench, and the counsel on each side were promptly in attendance.

In reference to Mr. Peckham's application, made on the previous day, for a new trial, Judge Davis said: In the matter of this application to proceed with a new trial in the indictment against Tweed, I have considered the question, and have come to the conclusion that inasmuch as the new term commences on Monday next, and there is some serious question and doubt entertained by all the judges as to whether or not two terms can be run concurrently, I have concluded, under the circumstances, that it is not proper that the case should be moved. Of course, the District-Attorney understands he will be at liberty to move it on Monday, the regular term, for there is doubt of the practical continuance of the present term.

Mr. Field—He will move it, of course, on the usual notice to us.

Judge Davis—I know nothing about that.

District-Attorney Phelps—It will be moved at an early day, but I cannot say it will be moved on Monday. It will be moved as soon as we can get ready.

Mr. Field—You will give us notice when you propose to move it.

The Court then adjourned.

Supposed Incendiary Fire in Brooklyn.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in Charles S. Furst's fancy-goods store, on first floor of No. 807 Fulton-avenue, totally destroying the building and its contents, and badly damaging the buildings Nos. 805 and 809. The buildings are four stories high and built of brick. No. 807 is owned by Peter Flynn. Furst has a three years' lease of the house. The three upper floors he rents out as dwellings. The second floor was occupied by the family of Wm. P. Howell, an employe at Grove's paper factory on Carleton-avenue. Everything they owned was burned up, the members of the family barely escaping with their lives. Loss about $1,000; no insurance.

The third floor was occupied by a family named Bennett, who also lost everything, except their lives, with which they made a narrow escape.

On the fourth floor there lived four sisters named Crogan, who, finding their escape cut off by the stairs and hall-way, were obliged to escape through the scuttle on the roof, saving nothing but the night-clothes they had on. The loss sustained by the Bennetts and Crogans aggregates $1,500. No insurance.

Furst estimates the value of his stock on hand on the first floor between $7,000 and $8,000, on which he owed from $3,000 to $4,000 to H. B. Claflin, Wilmerding, Hoguet & Co., Field, Morris, Palmer & Co., and divers other parties in New-York. He is insured in the Phœnix Insurance Company of Brooklyn for $2,500, and the Imperial of London for $2,000. Peter Flynn's loss on building is $7,000; insured in the Mechanics' Insurance Company of Brooklyn for $6,000.

The building No. 805, adjoining No. 807 on the west, is owned by Edward Kroepke. Damage to the building $2,000. The first floor was occupied by Mrs. Cox, fancy goods. Her stock was damaged by water to the extent of $1,000. Insurances unknown.

No. 809, adjoining No. 807 on the east, occupied by Mr. Jamieson, fancy goods, was damaged to the extent of $1,500. Jamieson's stock was damaged by water to the extent of $500. Insurances unknown.

There were circumstances connected with the fire which gave rise to the suspicion that it was the deliberate work of some person, and Chas. S. Furst, the fancy-goods dealer and lessee of No. 807, was arrested on suspicion of being the incendiary. According to his sworn statement, made before Fire Marshal Keady, he was playing cards and drinking whisky with two or three others in the store up to the time of the occurrence of the fire. They drank freely. Just after 3 o'clock the other men went away. Furst accompanied them to the sidewalk, and after they had gone, and while he (Furst) was leaning against an awning post, vomiting, a cloud of smoke burst out of the door, and the heat which followed prevented him from re-entering. There was a stove standing in the centre of the store with a counter on each side, and about two and a half feet distant. This stove, Furst says, was quite hot. He says also that one of his comrades dropped a box of matches on the floor, which were ignited by being trodden on. They were extinguished, as Furst supposed, but while the men were out on the sidewalk they caught again and burnt up the building.

The persons up-stairs were all in bed and asleep. Just after 4 o'clock Mr. Howell was awakened by some one moving about and bolting doors below. He spoke of it to his wife, and they went to sleep again, but were soon aroused by positive evidences of fire which drove them and their children from the room. In passing through Furst's store they observed that the bed he usually slept on had not been occupied that night, and on going out of the front door they saw Furst standing on the sidewalk. The fire was burning in the store at the time. Furst was questioned by the police, and his answers being considered unsatisfactory, he was taken into custody by order Capt. Campbell, of the Fourth Police Precinct, and locked up to await further investigation.

The Richard Wagner Association.

The great cost necessitated by a trip to Germany to assist at the Wagner Niebelungen Festival in Baireuth, in 1874, and the difficulty of procuring tickets to the proposed entertainment, has caused the formation of an association of musical connoisseurs in this City, who purpose raising a fund, by subscriptions and a concert or two, and buying passage tickets and seats at the festival for the use of such members of this Niebelungen Ring as may have the good fortune to win the right to the trip according to the time-honored rules of a thirty-seconded lottery. The "Wagner Verein" held its regular monthly meeting at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, at Decker Brothers' ware-rooms, Union-square, and a very encouraging report of the progress of the scheme was submitted. The attendance comprised the following eminent musicians and amateurs: Theo. Thomas, President; Drs. Zuisser and Kraskowiser, Vice-Presidents; Messrs. Federlan and Witte, Secretaries; Messrs. J. Hallgarten and Toussaint, Treasurers; Messrs. L. Lassy, Carl Heuser, Paul Banner, and J. E. Corbet. Mr. Thomas will give the first Wagner Concert early in the Spring.

THE PEEKSKILL MOLDERS.

The Rumored Suspension of the Foundries not Correct.

A report having reached the City to the effect that about 1,000 working men were thrown out of employment by the suspension of all the foundries but two of Peekskill, a representative of THE TIMES was sent to Peekskill to investigate the matter. A visit was first made to the People's Stove Works, conducted by Southard, Robertson & Co., in that village, and Mr. Robertson was found in his office. On being informed of the rumor, Mr. Robertson said that most of the foundries had suspended temporarily, some for the purpose of stock-taking, having fulfilled their engagements for the year, and others for repairs. His works, in which about eighty-five men are ordinarily employed, had stopped for three weeks, for both of the purposes mentioned, and retained only a dozen men.

This suspension occurs every year, usually about the holidays, and continues for two or three weeks. Mr. Robertson said that there was a circumstance which took place recently in Pennsylvania, tending to make the market uncertain and so deaden trade, to some extent, and thus to extend the term of suspension this year. This was the increase in the price of iron from $45 to about $61 per ton, which increase followed immediately upon a meeting of the great iron companies at Pittsburg. This occurred, too, he said, when there was no special demand for iron, and no evidence of any such demand being about to be made. But, he added, we are never dull in Peekskill, because we are largely in manufactures, and our trade extends over the whole country. Even now all the workshops are being made larger to prepare for expected increase. Mr. Robertson then named all the foundries in town, and it would appear, according to his figures that about 1,000 to 1,300 men were employed in the iron trade of the village. When all the shops suspended the great majority of these numbers were thrown out of work, but it was not unexpected. The term of suspension was longer this year, and that was all that could be complained of. The workmen now idle are believed not to exceed 300, and there is no talk of distress with this number, as workmen average nearly $2 a day, and most of them own their own houses. There is only one furnace in Peekskill, about which over 100 men are employed, and this, though letting its fires out for the first time in over four years, still retains about sixty men. At the Peekskill Plow-works, where there was no suspension at all this year, 150 men are continually employed.

The furnace will resume full work in a few days. At the National Stove-works, business has been suspended since Jan. 20. There seventy men are employed here, but a dozen or so are now engaged. Montross, Lent & Co. resumed about five days ago, after remaining four weeks idle, a longer time than usual, it being intended not to remain idle over two weeks. In all the others visited the same story was told, substantially, though there was nowhere to be seen any sign of dissatisfaction, and no groups of idle men were to be observed in the streets.

The Dangerous Classes—Sermon by Rev. J. M. Pullman.

Rev. J. M. Pullman continued his series of lectures on social problems at Lyric Hall, Sixth-avenue and Forty-second-street, last evening, taking as his immediate subject the "dangerous classes," and the general responsibility for their condition. A suggestive text was found in the Lamentations of Jeremiah, chapter one, verse twelve: "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by." As society, said the preacher, runs through ages like a river, it casts some to the surface and sinks others as a sediment or social mud to the bottom. The latter are the dangerous classes; a rough, unsettled, degraded lot of beings, who have ever formed the substrata of society. Under cover of this night in the reeking, crowded dens of degradation and infamy are scenes which up-town residents never look on but to recoil, and oftener never see or hear of. It might be an easy and convenient theory to argue that these people had gravitated to their present position on account of inherent depravity, but while intemperance, indolence, and ignorance were the besetting vices, it would be well to inquire whether the upper classes were not, to some extent, responsible for fostering them, although against their own interests. The tenement-house owner heeded nothing whether the beings that were lodged in a building; the factory owner cared nothing for the degradations of his employes, and often the rich declined to aid or help the deserving. The father neglected his children while he made money; friend neglected friend to whom he saw sinking into intemperance, and the richer classes generally recoiled from every-day exhibitions of degradation, of which they had an occasional glimpse.

Self-interest alone would advise an elevation of the degraded classes. Men sink into intemperance, thence to poverty and degradation, and soon hate, with malice, all who are in worldly prosperity, wherein lurks their dangerous character. They reason that law is powerless, when the greatest robber of the age can get the aid of the best intellect and go unpunished, and it makes them long for the means of purchasing immunity. But, notwithstanding all this disparity, there was the common brotherhood of self-interest and penality; the former because it was dangerous to foster by neglect the worst passions of the degraded, and the latter because the plague that started in the slums would eventually extend. The means of remedy may be numerous, but the cause must be removed before the effect, and the relief must be substantial at first. Dependence on legislative aid was vain, and the starving man cannot be fed with remonstrance and exhortation. With a due enforcement of the laws made for the benefit of these classes; with substantial aid and sympathy preceding the preacher; with the abolition of indiscriminate charity and an enlistment of the co-operation from self interest of the rich, the "dangerous classes," or the majority of those not naturally depraved, would learn to abhor their present degradation, and an honest ambition would take the place of the prevailing malicious envy.

The American Evangelical Alliance—A Proposed International Conference.

The Evangelical Alliance of the United States, with head-quarters at the Bible House, in this City, has issued a circular under date of the present month to sister organizations throughout the world. The object thereof is to gather in New-York delegates from all nations to a general conference of the different organizations of the one Evangelical Alliance, commencing Oct. 2 and continuing till Oct. 12, 1873. The circular states that it is unnecessary to explain why the projected conference some years ago was abandoned, but now that hostilities have ceased, it is desirable to unite in spirit and work Christians of all countries. Remembering the descent from nationalities of Europe, and that Christianity came through them to us, the Alliance longs for a closer Christian connection.

The errors which have marred the usefulness of the churches, such as infidelity and rationalism on the one hand, and superstition and ritualism on the other, have not sprung up indigenously among us, but have been transported from the other side of the Atlantic, and we wish evangelical Christians from other lands to assist us in contending with them.

The object of the conference is to promote the desire for a closer union among Christians to remove obstacles out of the way of their co-operation, to lead them to combine in prayer, praise, and evangelical work, and thus to exhibit the essential unity of the body of Christ.

Personal.

Gen. Thos. H. Anger, of the United States Army, is at the Hoffman House.

Samuel Bowles, of the Springfield *Republican*, is sojourning at the Brevoort House.

Hon. C. C. Van Zandt, of Rhode Island; Col. T. B. P. Dixey, of Philadelphia, and Oliver Ames, of North Easton, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Gen. R. S. Walker, of Alabama; Hon. F. E. Hinckley, of Chicago, President of the Chicago and Iowa Central Railroad; Jos. J. C. Shofe, of Danville, Ill., President of the Paris and Danville Railroad, and Col. William Phillips, of Pittsburg, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Gen. C. W. Tompkins, of Staten Island, is at the New-York Hotel.

Hon. P. Dickinson, of Tennessee, and A. B. Coleman, of Newburg, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Saturday afternoon the Legislative Committee of the Common Council of Newark met with the Mayor and the city members of the Legislature, in the Council Chamber, for the purpose of discussing the proposed creation of two district civil courts in the city. Speeches favoring the measure were made by Messrs. Keasby, Jackson, Perry, and Stevens, and on being taken, the sense of the Council favored the passage of an act for that purpose, and it was ordered that immediate measures be taken to have a suitable bill introduced to the Legislature.

THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN.

Controller Green Solicits the Mayor's Aid in Correcting Abuses in Mr. Palmer's Office.

Controller Green has transmitted the following communication to Mayor Havemeyer in relation to the State taxes, and the practices existing in the office of the City Chamberlain:

CITY OF NEW-YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, January, 1873.

Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New-York:

SIR: I am again compelled to call your attention to matters concerning the administration of the office of the Chamberlain of the City, with the view of asking your official aid in correcting the abuses that have grown up about it, and which are but a part of a system that has fastened itself upon the City, and which it is evident is not to be got rid of without a persevering struggle.

I have received from the Controller of the State an account claiming that there is due from this County on the State taxes of 1871 the sum of $55,816 01, with a communication asking its payment with interest.

I long since paid over to the Chamberlain as County Treasurer the whole amount of this State tax, in part to the predecessor of the present County Treasurer, and the remainder to Mr. F. A. Palmer, in amounts as follows:

Date of payment of money to Mr. Pal.	Date of payment by Mr. Palmer to State Controller.	No. days money held.	Amount paid to Mr. Palmer by State Controller.	Amount sent by Mr. Palmer to State.	Balance still held by Mr. Palmer.
Jan. 26	Jan. 27	1	$1,000,000 00	$1,000,000 00	.....
Jan. 29	Jan. 31	2	500,000 00	500,000 00	.....
Feb. 1	Feb. 17	16	500,000 00	500,000 00	.....
Feb. 15	Feb. 17	2	250,000 00	250,000 00	.....
Mar. 9	Mar. 26	17	100,000 00	100,000 00	.....
Mar. 28	May 16	48	100,000 00	100,000 00	.....
May 9	May 17	8	100,000 00	74,500 00	$25,500 00
May 18	May 21	3	100,000 00	98,000 00	1,000 00
May 29	May 31	2	200,000 00	198,000 00	2,000 00
June 11	June 11	...	100,000 00	99,000 00	1,000 00
June 18	June 24	6	131,601 85	130,285 84	1,316 01

It will be seen by the above table that Mr. Palmer paid over all the moneys which were paid to him up to May 9, 1872. The $100,000 paid to him on that date he held up to the 17th of May, eight days, and then paid over only $74,500 of it, retaining $25,500, and from this and subsequent payments he retained a total of $30,816 01 in a little more than a month. As the State claims ten per cent. interest on moneys unpaid after the 1st day of December, it was important that the moneys, instead of being retained by Mr. Palmer for several days, should be transmitted without delay. Why, it may be asked, did Mr. Palmer send to Albany all the moneys received from me up to May 17, without deduction, and from and after that date retain a part of them?

The following facts will, perhaps, aid in answering this question:

The enormous charges and emoluments of the Chamberlain and County Treasurer were the subject of angry public discussion and of severe comment in the Legislature of 1872, around which body Mr. Palmer's interests were actively represented. While the Legislature was in session Mr. Palmer retained none of the moneys, but out of the five first payments after the Legislature adjourned and was out of the way (May 14, 1872) he kept back the $25,500 above referred to, and from that and subsequent payments the sum of $30,816 01.

To prevent these deductions from the moneys of the County, which could only be got back by a lawsuit, I arranged with the State officials to pay these moneys direct to them, without charge or deduction, through the State Agency in this City, the Manhattan Bank. Accordingly a warrant for $1,000,000 was drawn Jan. 22, 1872, to the order of the Manhattan Bank. This warrant was signed by the Mayor and Controller, and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and delivered to the State Agency by direction of the State Controller. After the warrant was so delivered Mr. Palmer refused to pay it, he claiming the moneys should pass through his hands, and it remained unpaid in the Manhattan Bank for about four days, when, rather than disturb the credit of the City at that critical period, I consented to transmit the money through Mr. Palmer *on the distinct understanding that he would make no deduction therefrom.*

The State now presents an account of $55,816 01 against the City, being the amount retained by Mr. Palmer and his predecessor, besides interest, but as the entire amount of the State tax having been paid by me to the County Treasurer, to be transmitted to the State, of course the County cannot be required to pay the above sum a second time.

This money retained by Mr. Palmer was paid to him in order that he might pay moneys due, and measures should be taken to compel Mr. Palmer to pay it. This case is similar to that of the interest on the City deposits. In both, the acts of Mr. Palmer deprive the City and County of moneys that properly belong to them, and this deprivation inures to Mr. Palmer's own pecuniary advantage.

No business man would think of disputing the proposition that the interest on these deposits should be credited by the depository banks to the City and County accounts.

There is but one legal method of drawing money from the Treasury, that is by warrant of the Controller, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for County moneys, and by a majority of the Commissioners for those of the Sinking Fund. No moneys can be legally drawn from the Treasury by the Chamberlain at all; for by the Controller alone. The rule is the same whether the money be principal or interest, and the quibbles and fetches that have been put forth to confuse the public mind on this subject will fail of their object; they are but the thin covering of a purpose that may, perhaps, craftily change with more or less favoring circumstances, to find some pretext for diverting these moneys from the public Treasury.

The distinction between the position of the Controller on the subject and that of the Chamberlain is not merely a matter of form as to how these interest moneys should be paid to the City; it is something more. If, as the Chamberlain claims, he can draw them from the bank, and thus get them in his own possession, he may or may not pay them over to the City. In the case of these State taxes, he got moneys into his hands which he has not yet paid over. May he not again set up some obsolete statute upon which to hang a claim to keep these interest moneys, and put the City to litigation to get them back?

The Controller, on the other hand, claims that neither he nor the Chamberlain can draw the interest moneys from the banks. They belong to the account to which they have accrued, and can only be drawn out, as other moneys are drawn, that is by the warrants provided by law of the Mayor and the Controller. Suppose the Controller to consent that the Chamberlain draw these interest moneys from the bank to pay over to the City, and suppose the Chamberlain should fail to pay them over, and put the City to suit to get them back, would it not be just to say that the Controller had wrongfully consented to such a withdrawal of these moneys?

The better way is to follow and keep to the law. The case is a very simple one. Moneys are deposited in the banks belonging to the City; interest accrues thereon; the principal and the interest can only be drawn by the one lawful method, and that is upon the warrant signed by the Mayor and the Controller. If Mr. Palmer, as City Chamberlain, by the use of his official and other relations with the banks in which these moneys are deposited, continues to prevent their being passed to the City credit, he does so against the interests of the City of which he is an officer, and in promotion of his personal interests as bank president and stockholder. In this matter, as in that of the State taxes, I deem the action of Mr. Palmer exceedingly prejudicial to the interests of the City, and I bring the subject under your especial notice, to the hope that an efficient remedy may be provided.

Mr. Palmer was and is the President of the Broadway Bank, in which both Sweeny and Bradley kept their accounts as Chamberlain, and through which the warrants that consummated the distribution of the late Municipal robberies were paid; by a natural translation, and for obvious reasons, he was, on the 6th of January, 1872, brought into the Chamberlainship by the retirement of Mr. Bradley and by appointment of Mayor Hall. In the City, by the neglect or connivance of the Chamberlain, to lose the interest on the public moneys in order that the Broadway Bank may continue to yield annual dividends of twenty-four per cent. to its President and other stockholders? It was through this bank that fraudulent warrants were paid to the amount of millions.

Could Mr. Palmer, with its connivance of those City officials, have been entirely ignorant of what was going on in his own bank? It was from this bank, as appeared on a trial lately going on in court, that certain documentary evidence known to have been in its keeping, suddenly disappeared after its importance to the prosecution of the interests in the late Municipal robberies were discovered.

The Tenth National Bank, also, is still continued by the Chamberlain as a depository bank of the City moneys—a bank that numbered among its directors Jay Gould, Peter B. Sweeny, Rob't B. Connolly, and John T. Brady, and which has for months been endeavoring to compel the Controller to pay over a quarter of a million of dollars, being a balance of $442,000 claimed to have been advanced to Norton, Pomeroy & Co., of Custom-house Commissioners, from which advance the City received trifling if any value. The schedule that follows will show some of Mr. Palmer's present intertangled and incompatible relations. City Chamberlain, County Treasurer, Broadway Bank stockholder and President, landlord of armory buildings rented to the County, and patron and relative of the President of the Tenth National Bank, who also claims to be Deputy Chamberlain.

SCHEDULE.

Amount of State tax retained by Mr. Palmer	$30,816 01
Salary as City Chamberlain, for which he has commenced suit against the City	10,000 00
Salary as County Treasurer, for which he has filed his claim in the Controller's office.	10,000 00
Interest on City and County moneys in the Broadway and other banks, which he prevents from being passed to the credit of the proper accounts	200,000 00
Lease of premises on Ninth-avenue, and on Twenty-seventh-street, as an armory, for six years, at an annual rent of $18,000, which rent his co-lessors have finally agreed to reduce to $12,000, from Nov. 1, 1872. The amount claimed from Aug. 1, 1871, to Nov. 1, 1872	27,000 00
Salary heretofore paid W. B. Palmer, President of Tenth National Bank, as pretended Deputy Chamberlain, (say)	3,000 00

If the period has not yet come when public officers will refuse unconscionable and excessive emoluments, the time has certainly come when men of not over-sensitive honor in public position will be unwilling to face the odium that must fall upon the official who, oblivious to his duty to the public, fights for all he can get out of laws contrived and passed in an era of corruption by conspirators against the interests of the whole community.

Very respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller.

NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Gregory Redmond, aged fifty-seven, of No. 50 Henry-street, died suddenly yesterday morning at the corner of Henry and Rutgers streets.

The German Maennerchor gave an entertainment and soirée dansante at the Harmonie Rooms, in Essex-street, last night, and it was well patronized.

The Odd-fellows' Saengerbund gave a vocal and musical entertainment at the Turn Hall in Fourth-street, last night, for which a rich programme had been prepared.

The steamer Tybee, of the United States Mail Steam-ship line, sailed yesterday for Savannah and San Domingo. She carried a number of passengers and an assorted cargo.

The German Journeymen Fresco Painters' Association gave an annual ball, at the Turn Hall, in Fourth-street, on Saturday night, which was well patronized by the members of the craft.

The Cologne Carnival Society gave a soirée at its rooms, No. 9 Second-avenue, last night, and the festivities indulged in on the occasion were fully enjoyed by a large number of persons.

The Executive Committee of the German-American Central Reform organization, at its last meeting elected Hon. Marcus Otterbourg its Chairman, and George Kuester, Secretary for the year 1873.

Alex. Loadman, aged thirty, while intoxicated, accidentally fell overboard at Pier No. 24 East River. He was rescued from drowning by Officer Crawford, of the Second Precinct, and taken to the Park Hospital.

The stock and fixtures in the fancy goods store of Isaac Bernstein, No. 98½ Grand-street, were totally destroyed by fire last evening. Loss $1,000; fully insured. The building was damaged to the extent of $500.

Gustavus Abbey, No. 181 Avenue B, while attempting to get on the front platform of a car at the corner of Avenue B and Eleventh-street, yesterday, fell, and the wheels of the car passed over his right leg, crushing it terribly.

A meeting of delegates of the German Reform organizations was held at Germania Hall, in Third-avenue, yesterday, when the organization of the central body was completed by the election of an executive committee.

Count Bernstorf, of Germany, last evening addressed the congregation of the German Lutheran Christ Church, in Fifth-street and Avenue B, on the subject of the present religious reform movement in Germany, giving an account of the origin and progress of the same from the time of the promulgation of the Papal infallibility dogma.

Sergt. Williams and the Jefferson Market Court squad made a descent on the colored dance-house No. 29 Macdougal-street on Saturday night and arrested the proprietor, Frederick Reynolds, and thirteen others of both sexes. The prisoners were arraigned before Justice Cox at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday. Reynolds was held to answer in $500 bail, five white girls in the party were sent on the Island, and the others were discharged.

Patrolman McGee, of the Fifteenth Precinct, found Lottie Lebrun, aged seventeen, of No. 110 Macdougal-street, wandering about at an early hour yesterday morning in search of a doctor. The girl stated that she had taken poison by mistake. She was removed to the nearest Police Station, where Dr. Steele examined her, and found that she had swallowed a small quantity of sugar of lead. The doctor prescribed for her, and she was taken home. She had not swallowed enough of the poison to do her any harm.

BROOKLYN.

Nicholas Griffin, sixteen years of age, was arrested, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, on a charge of assaulting Nancy Sheehan, at her residence, on Seventeenth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

A sneak-thief entered the basement of Mrs. Kasson's boarding-house, No. 300 State-street, on Saturday night, and stole a number of articles, chiefly ladies' wearing apparel, worth in all $50.

John Dugan, the person supposed to have stabbed Marian Kelly, during a fight in Peter Byrnes' liquor-saloon, corner of Court and Butler streets, last Sunday morning, was arrested yesterday, and locked up for examination.

Mrs. Abagail Campbell, who was badly burned by the explosion of a gasoline lamp at No. 1,012 Gates-avenue, Saturday morning, died at the City Hospital Saturday night, from the effects of her injuries. The police state that Dr. Corkin, of No. 943 Gates-avenue, refused to attend when called.

LONG ISLAND.

The annual election of Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Jamaica Fire Department occurs to-morrow.

The Long Island Railroad Company has withdrawn its Jamaica express, and added another train on its Rockaway branch.

The failure of the Atlantic Steam-ship Company has caused the withdrawal of the steamer Escort from the line between Sag Harbor and New-York.

The Suffolk County M. E. Association will meet in Greenport to-morrow, instead of at Moriches, the place first appointed. The session will continue three days.

A three-masted schooner of 425 tons was launched from O. H. Bishop's yard, Greenpoint, a few days since. The keels of two more, of 600 tons each, will be laid immediately.

Mr. Z. King, Trustee of the village of Greenport, and Inspector of the Port, will resign the former position, in obedience to the late Government order, which forbids Federal officers holding positions under local governments.

The special town meetings in Hempstead and North Hempstead on Saturday revealed much dissatisfaction respecting the County Court-house site, and resolutions were passed favoring a repeal of the act authorizing the building.

Last week the schooner Sarah A. Hammond, Capt. Allen, of Taunton, Mass., loaded with coal for Boston, went ashore in a thick snow-storm near the new life-saving station, opposite Centre Moriches, bilged and broke in two. Vessel and cargo probably a total loss.

STATEN ISLAND.

This evening, the complimentary ball of the Staten Island Schuetzencorps will be given at Beobtel's Hall, Stapleton.

The Richmond County Democratic General Committee will hold their annual convention at the Village Hall, New-Brighton, to-morrow.

NEW-JERSEY.

The reported failure of the New-Jersey Plate Glass Company is incorrect. There is no foundation for the rumor.

Yesterday St. John's P. E. (Free) Church was opened, on Summit-avenue, Jersey City Heights. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Right Rev. Bishop Odenheimer, and in the afternoon he solemnized the rite of confirmation upon a number of communicants.

Advertisement.

Coughs, bronchitis, consumption, are stayed and permanently benefited by using cod-liver oil. BARD & CAGWELL'S COD LIVER OIL is the purest, sweetest and best.

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STATEMENT
OF THE
MUTUAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY
OF
NEW-YORK,
Nos. 144 and 146 Broadway,
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1872.

S. F. WINSTON, President.

Net Assets, Jan. 1, 1873, $49,264,071 17.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR:

FOR PREMIUMS AND POLICY FEES:

Original premiums	$4,822,125 00
Renewal premiums	9,449,228 78
Annuities	8,503 05
	$14,280,856 83
For interest on Bonds and mortgages	$2,267,041 36
Stocks	319,751 94
Banks, trust companies, &c.	81,269 08
Premium on gold	29,562 45
	$2,574,980 73
For office building rents	84,250 00—$17,710,094 34
Total	$66,960,665 71